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Grammar – Passive Voice

Practice Passive Voice in Future Tenses

Passive voice = BE + PAST PARTICIPLE (3rd form). Passive voice actions are done by people who are **unknown** or **unimportant**. In **future tenses and forms**, passive voice is made as follows:

Future Simple Passive	The movie will be edited .
Future Continuous Passive	The movie will be being edited .
Future Perfect Passive	The movie will have been edited .
Future Perfect Continuous Passive	The movie will have been being edited . (rare)
First Conditional Passive	If the movie is edited , we will plan a release date.
Second Conditional Passive	If the movie were edited by Jo, it would look good.
Mixed Conditional Passive 1 (fut/past)	If she weren't busy soon, it would've been edited by Jo.
Mixed Conditional Passive 2 (past/fut)	If it had been edited , it would be ready next week.
Modal Future Passive	The movie could / would / has to / might be edited .
going to (future)	The movie is going to be edited by Jo.

We normally use passive voice in **formal** spoken and written contexts. We don't normally use it to talk about everyday **informal** actions, e.g. I watched a film today. = ~~A film was watched [by me] today.~~

Passive voice is most often seen / heard in the following contexts:

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| A. business English | E. natural disasters |
| B. creative arts | F. invention / discovery |
| C. production | G. historical events |
| D. crime and punishment | H. life story / obituary |

Write sentences using the prompts. **Embellish** where possible. Say which context they belong to A-H:

1.	+	fu sim	release, Friday, app	The new productivity app will be released by Friday.	B
2.	-	fu con	draw up, contract, tomorrow	_____	_____
3.	?	fu perf	convict, defendant	_____	_____
4.	+	fu perf con	build, wind turbines, more	_____	_____
5.	-	first con	contact, delivery, dispatch	_____	_____
6.	?	sec con	target, security, businesses	_____	_____
7.	+	mix con 1	make, bad, forecast, film	_____	_____
8.	-	mix con 2	disaster, shield, town	_____	_____
9.	?	modal fu	attempt, week, experiment	_____	_____
10.	+	going to fu	month, shut down, factory	_____	_____
11.	-	fu sim	after all, documents, send	_____	_____
12.	?	fu con	construct, Suez Canal	_____	_____
13.	+	fu perf	schedule, 4pm, meetings	_____	_____
14.	-	fu perf con	access, much, program	_____	_____
15.	?	first con	try out, new, devise, solution	_____	_____
16.	+	sec con	Hamlet, fantastic, lan, cast	_____	_____
17.	-	mix con 1	PC, later, utilise, in use	_____	_____
18.	?	mix con 2	money, servant, hire, poor	_____	_____
19.	+	modal fu	resolve, difficulties, talks	_____	_____
20.	-	going to fu	this year, site, excavate	_____	_____

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Here are the basic answers with passive voice. Students should **embellish** each sentence to make it more interesting. They could do this by adding more detail, e.g.

1. The app will be released on Friday. (plain) / The new productivity app will be released by Friday. (embellished)

Answers may vary. Suggested answers:

1.	+	fu sim	release, Friday, app	The app will be released on Friday.	B
2.	-	fu con	draw up, contract, tomorrow	The contract won't be being drawn up tomorrow.	A
3.	?	fu perf	convict, defendant	Will the defendant have been convicted by then?	D
4.	+	fu perf con	build, wind turbines, more	More wind turbines will have been being built.	E
5.	-	first con	contact, delivery, dispatch	If the delivery isn't dispatched, we'll contact you.	C
6.	?	sec con	target, security, businesses	Would businesses be targeted if they had security?	D
7.	+	mix con 1	make, bad, forecast, film	A film would've been made, if the forecast weren't bad.	B
8.	-	mix con 2	disaster, shield, town	If the town had been shielded, it wouldn't be a disaster.	G
9.	?	modal fu	attempt, week, experiment	Might the experiment be attempted next week?	F
10.	+	going to fu	month, shut down, factory	The factory is going to be shut down for a month.	C
11.	-	fu sim	after all, documents, send	The documents won't be sent after all.	A
12.	?	fu con	construct, Suez Canal	Will the Suez Canal be being constructed?	G
13.	+	fu perf	schedule, 4pm, meetings	The meetings will've been scheduled by 4pm.	A
14.	-	fu perf con	access, much, program	My program won't have been being accessed much.	A
15.	?	first con	try out, new, devise, solution	Will you try it out, if a new solution is devised?	F
16.	+	sec con	Hamlet, fantastic, Ian, cast	If Ian were cast as Hamlet, he would be fantastic.	B
17.	-	mix con 1	PC, later, utilise, in use	If it weren't in use later, the PC would've been utilised.	C
18.	?	mix con 2	money, servant, hire, poor	Would he be poor, if he'd been hired as a servant?	H
19.	+	modal fu	resolve, difficulties, talks	The difficulties could be resolved through talks.	A
20.	-	going to fu	this year, site, excavate	The site is not going to be excavated this year.	G