

FUMCESL 11-1-2021 High Beginning and Low Intermediate Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now.

We talked a little about active and passive voice on Thursday. Active voice is more common than passive voice. With active voice, the subject of the sentence does the action. Read these examples.

1. Monkeys love bananas.
2. The cashier counted the money.
3. The dog chased the squirrel.
4. The boy threw the ball.
5. The managers have written the reports.

The subject (monkeys, cashier, dog, boy, managers) do the acting (love, count, chased, threw, have written).

In passive voice, we turn the sentence around so that the subject is acted on by the object. Read these examples.

1. Bananas **are loved** by monkeys.
2. The money **is counted** by the cashier.
3. The squirrel **was chased** by the boys.
4. The ball **was thrown** by the boy.
5. The reports **have been written** by the managers.

Passive voice uses a helping verb (usually "to be" or "have been") and the past participle of the action verb (are loved, is counted, was chased, was thrown, have been written).

Sometimes we use passive voice if we want to avoid blame. For example, look at this email sent by a bank.

"An error **has occurred** with your account. An attempt **has been made** to remedy it."

This passive sentence allows the bank to avoid the blame. They could have used active voice and said,

"We **made** an error on your account. We **will attempt** to remedy it."

This sentence admits that it was the bank's fault. It appears more honest to us than the passive statement.

Here's another example. A boy hit a baseball through the neighbor's window. He knocks on the door of the neighbor and says,

"Your window was broken by our baseball."
He is avoiding blame. He could say, "I broke your window with my baseball."

We also use passive if we don't know who did the action. EX: The wallet was found on the beach.

We might not know who found the wallet. If we wanted to use active voice, we could say, "Someone found a wallet on the beach."

Quiz: Change these passive voice sentences into active voice. The first one is done for you.

1. My office is cleaned by the maids every day. The maids clean my office every day.
2. Stamps are sold by the post office.
3. Cars are repaired at Jo's Garage.
4. We were visited by my parents last week.
5. Six shrimp were eaten by Harry.
6. The project was finished by Tom.
7. The video was posted on Facebook.
8. The baby was carried in the kangaroo's pouch.
9. This house was built by my father.
10. My wallet was found by my daughter.
11. The movie was enjoyed by everyone.
12. Dad's cell phone was stolen some teenagers.
13. The Mona Lisa was painted by Leonardo Da Vinci.
14. Corn is grown in the state of Iowa.
15. A passport will be issued by the embassy.
16. Aid was sent to Haiti by several countries.

A Delayed Flight

Jonas is at the airport in Los Angeles. He is very tired after a fifteen hour flight from Hong Kong. But Jonas still needs to fly home to Atlanta.

Jonas walks toward the gate. He walks quickly because his flight leaves in thirty minutes. He is hungry, but he doesn't have time to get something to eat. At the gate, Jonas looks at the monitor. His flight, 631, is delayed by an hour. Jonas is disappointed. He really wants to get home.

Jonas goes to an airport restaurant and eats a sandwich. He goes to an airport store and buys a book. Then he returns to his gate.

At the gate, Jonas hears an announcement. His flight is delayed again. This time it's by forty-five minutes. Jonas is very frustrated, but what can he do? He sits down and opens his book. He reads a few pages, but his eyes feel very heavy. Jonas slowly closes his eyes and falls asleep.

Suddenly, Jonas wakes up and looks around. What happened to all the people waiting at the gate? He asks the airline employee, "Where is everyone?" She tells Jonas he missed his flight. She explains he will have to buy a new ticket to Atlanta. "There's a flight leaving for Atlanta in about an hour," said the airline worker. It leaves from another gate.

Jonas gathers his things and walks to the new gate. When he arrives he hears an announcement. "This flight is delayed for two hours." Jonas can't believe his ears.

1. Where is Jonas? Where did he fly from? Where will he fly to now?

2. What does Jonas find out about his flight?
3. What does Jonas do while he waits for his delayed flight?
4. Jonas' flight is delayed again. What does he do now?
5. How did Jonas miss his flight?
6. Jonas gets another flight. What does he discover when he gets to the new gate?
7. Have you ever missed a flight?
8. Has your flight ever been delayed?
9. How many hours does it take to fly to your home?

Read this conversation and answer the questions.

Passenger: My flight arrived one hour late. Did I miss my connecting flight?

Airline Employee: What city are you flying to?

Passenger: I'm flying to my home in Austin, TX. My flight number is 889. Has it left?

Airline employee: No, it hasn't left yet. It was delayed. It is loading now. You should hurry. You can probably make it.

Passenger: That's great. What gate will the flight leave from?

Airline Employee: It will leave from terminal B, gate 4.

Passenger: What terminal are we in now?

Airline Employee: You have arrived in terminal E.

Passenger: That is very far from terminal B. Terminal B is in a different building. It will take me 30 minutes or more to walk that far. How will I get there on time?

Airline Employee: There is a train. Go down to the first level. The trains run between all the terminals. There will be a train every 10 minutes. Get on the train and get off at Terminal E. Gate 4 isn't far from the train stop. I think you can make it. I will call the gate attendant and tell her you are on the way.

Passenger: Thank you. I will leave right away.

1. What is a connecting flight?
2. Why is the passenger worried about her connecting flight?
3. Where is the passenger headed?
4. Has the connecting flight left?
5. What terminal does the flight leave from?
6. What terminal is she in now?
7. How long will it take the passenger to walk to the other terminal?
8. The airline employee tells her there is a faster way than walking. What is it?
9. What will the airline employee tell the gate attendant on the connecting flight?
10. Do you fly often? Do you have any questions about airports or flights?

Match these terms:

baggage claim	the place where your bags and passport are checked before you enter the country
customs	the light that tells you to keep your seat belt buckled
boarding	the place where you pick up your checked bags
overhead bin	the person who flies the plane, the pilot
runway	getting on the airplane
captain	the place where the plane takes off and lands
seat belt sign	a place above the passenger seats where you store your carry on bags.
turbulence	bumpy air