



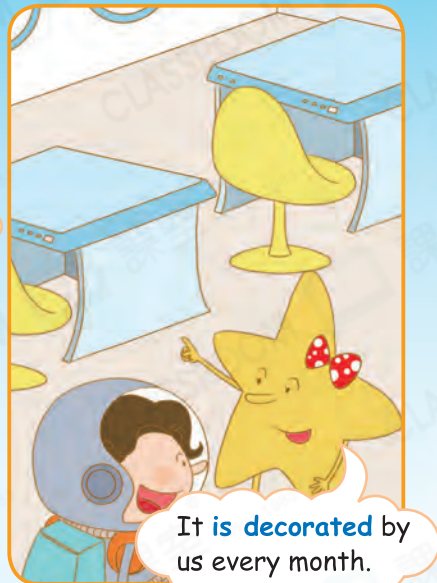
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Favourite Festivals

Passive Voice – Simple Present Tense



Grammar in Focus

We use the **passive voice** when the action or the 'receiver' of the action is more important. The form of a passive verb is 'be + past participle'.

The classroom	is cleaned	every morning.
Rice dumplings	are made	at Dragon Boat Festival.
Moon cakes	are eaten	at Mid-Autumn Festival.

In the passive voice, the subject is the 'receiver' of the action.

People **hold parties** at Christmas. → **Parties are held** at Christmas.
 Dad **paints the door** every year. → **The door is painted** by Dad every year.

Mistakes Corner

- ✓ The plants **are watered** by me every day.
- ✗ The plants **watered** by me every day.

- Children (**A** are given / **B** given) red packets at Chinese New Year.
- Breakfast (**A** made / **B** is made) by Mum every morning.

A. Philip saw a display board about festivals. Write the correct letters in the boxes.

These festivals **are celebrated** on Earth.



1. H l w

2. a e 



3. h t

B. Philip is chatting with his friends. Read the sentences and circle the correct answers.

1. Mr Chow (paints / is painted) the house twice a year.
2. When the cat is hungry, it (gives / is given) some fish.
3. Wendy (sends / is sent) a letter to her pen friend every week.
4. Sam's cat (drinks / is drunk) milk every day.
5. The floor (cleans / is cleaned) by Celia every morning.
6. The table (sets / is set) by Annie before dinner every night.
7. Mrs Chan (bakes / is baked) cupcakes for us every month.
8. New clothes (buy / are bought) before Chinese New Year.
9. Sally (washes / is washed) the dishes every day.
10. A present (is given / gives) to Tim every Christmas.
11. Mum (buys / is bought) some new trousers for us every year.
12. Sweets (give / are given) to children at Halloween.
13. John (is visited / visits) his grandparents once a week.
- ★ 14. Animals in the forest (killed / are killed) by hunters.

C. Philip is telling Starry more about Hong Kong. Change the active sentences into passive sentences.

e.g. People sell flags on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Flags _____ are sold _____ on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

1. People borrow books from public libraries.

Books _____ from public libraries.

2. People build tall buildings in Hong Kong.

Tall buildings _____ in Hong Kong.

3. Hong Kong people celebrate different festivals.

Different festivals _____ by _____.

4. The charity delivers food to the poor countries.

Food _____ to the poor countries by _____.



D. Philip's classmates posted their opinions about different festivals on the Net. Fill in the blanks with the passive form of the given verbs.

I like Halloween best. At Halloween, my friends and I knock on other people's doors. People ① _____ (ask) 'Trick or treat?' by us. A party ② _____ (hold) by my parents every year!



I like Easter best. Chocolate eggs ③ _____ (eat) by many children. At school, rabbit dolls and baskets ④ _____ (use) by students of the Art Club to decorate the classrooms.

I like Mid-Autumn Festival best. Lanterns ⑤ _____ (hang) up everywhere. The beautiful full moon ⑥ _____ (see) at night. I like it so much!



E. Philip wanted to make a display board about Chinese New Year. Complete the board by rewriting the sentences below using the passive voice.

People celebrate Chinese New Year on the first day of the first month of the Chinese calendar.

Before Chinese New Year:

- People clean their houses.

During Chinese New Year:

- People eat rice cakes and turnip cakes.
- People use red paper and flowers for decoration.
- Many people watch lion dances.
- Married couples give lucky money to children.

Happy Chinese New Year!

e.g. Chinese New Year _____ is celebrated _____ on the first day of the first month of the Chinese calendar.

Here is some information about the festival.

Before Chinese New Year:

① Houses _____.

During Chinese New Year:

② _____.

③ Red paper and flowers _____.

④ Lion dances _____ by _____.

⑤ _____.

by _____. Do you like this festival?



Every festival has its meanings and traditions. Respect every festival.