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## Celebrating Different Festivals

Passive Voice – Simple Present Tense

Date:

Grade:

Do you know many tomatoes **are wasted** in August in Spain every year?

In August, the Spanish celebrate Tomato Festival. Many tomatoes **are thrown** at people.

Then I can eat a lot of fries and spaghetti with the free tomato sauce!



Why is that?



### Grammar Explained



Teaching Video

We use the **passive voice** to highlight the actions but not the people who do the actions. Therefore, we put the receivers of the actions at the beginning of passive sentences. We use **'be' + past participle** to form sentences in the **passive voice**.

Active

People eat gingerbread at Christmas.

Passive

Gingerbread **is eaten** at Christmas.

Active

People write red couplets at Chinese New Year.

Passive

Red couplets **are written** at Chinese New Year.

**A** Cody and his friends are talking about how they celebrate different festivals. Circle the correct answers.

1. At Easter, Easter eggs are painted / paint .
2. Children love are played / to play Easter egg hunts.
3. Rice dumplings eat / are eaten at Dragon Boat Festival.
4. Costume parties are held / hold at Halloween.
5. At Christmas, we put / are put colourful ornaments on the Christmas tree.
6. Turkey baked / is baked as a dish in the Christmas feast.



**B** The Kim family is celebrating Mid-Autumn Festival. Look at the picture and fill in the blanks with the correct form of the given verbs.



eat give light make perform tie

e.g. Moon cakes \_\_\_\_\_ are eaten \_\_\_\_\_ at Mid-Autumn Festival.

1. Lanterns \_\_\_\_\_ carefully.
2. Riddles \_\_\_\_\_ to lanterns.
3. Fruit baskets \_\_\_\_\_ to the elders.
4. Sweet dumplings \_\_\_\_\_ at home.
5. Fire dragon dance \_\_\_\_\_ in Tai Hang.

**C** Mrs Kim is telling Connie how different festivals are celebrated. Complete what she says with the correct form of the given verbs.

Before Chinese New Year, houses are cleaned up by all of us. Good luck flowers and red couplets ① \_\_\_\_\_ (use) to decorate our home.

Moon cakes ② \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) at Mid-Autumn Festival. The full moon 🎲 ③ \_\_\_\_\_ also \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) at night. Children love to play with lanterns and glow sticks.

At Halloween, pumpkin lanterns ④ \_\_\_\_\_ (put) in the front door of everyone's home. The question 'Trick or treat?' ⑤ \_\_\_\_\_ (ask) by children and then candies ⑥ \_\_\_\_\_ (give) to them by their neighbours.

At Christmas, everyone is excited. Gifts ⑦ \_\_\_\_\_ (exchange) among friends and families. Christmas songs ⑧ \_\_\_\_\_ (sing) and a big dinner 🎲 ⑨ \_\_\_\_\_ (prepare).



## Proofreading

**D** Underline the mistakes in the numbered lines and write the correct answers on the lines.

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| 1. Every year at the school funfair, game booths is set | 1. _____   |
| 2. up in the playground. Balloons are hanged on the     | 🎲 2. _____ |
| 3. walls. Cakes and cookies are sell to raise money     | 3. _____   |
| 4. for charity. Make-up are worn on students' faces.    | 🎲 4. _____ |
| 5. Small prizes are gave to winners at the game booths. | 5. _____   |



# Daily Life Grammar

**E** Connie is writing a poem about Chinese New Year. Complete her poem with the correct form of the given verbs.

stick say buy eat show perform give

## Chinese New Year is Here!



Chinese New Year is here at last

This year I am going to have a blast

Red couplets  ① \_\_\_\_\_ on every wall

Bringing good luck to one and all

Good luck flowers ② \_\_\_\_\_ weeks ago

Lion dance ③ \_\_\_\_\_ — what a good show

Hear the loud bang of the cymbals and drums

Rice cakes ④ \_\_\_\_\_ — thanks to Mum



Firework displays ⑤ \_\_\_\_\_ clearly at night

Making the sky so light and bright

Lucky money  ⑥ \_\_\_\_\_ to children on this festive day

Wishes of good luck  ⑦ \_\_\_\_\_ in every way



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