

9 Wildlife Saving Mission

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Grammar Notes

Passive Voice



Elephants' tusks **are taken** to make chopsticks.

I can't imagine what it is like if my teeth **are pulled** out... It's so cruel!



We use the **passive voice** to talk about an action when we do not know who does it, or when the doer is not important. We use the **passive voice** when we focus on the receiver of an action rather than the doer. In a **passive sentence**, the subject is the receiver of the action.

We form the **passive voice** with 'be' ('am / is / are') and the **past participle** of the verb.

Active voice: Someone hunts a bear.

Passive voice: A bear **is hunted**.

Grammar Tip

Sometimes we add 'by + (the doer)' at the end of a passive sentence to indicate who does the action.
e.g. A bear is hunted **by a woman**.

Active voice: People kill crocodiles to make handbags.

Passive voice: Crocodiles **are killed** to make handbags.



Common Errors

Active Voice : People eat shark fin soup in banquets.

Passive Voice: ✓ Shark fin soup **is eaten** in banquets.

✗ Shark fin soup **are eaten** in banquets.

1. People in the village kill a lamb every year as a sacrifice to God.

A lamb **is killed / are killed** every year as a sacrifice to God.

2. The fisherman catches a lot of bluefin tuna every year.

A lot of bluefin tuna **is caught / are caught** every year.

Grammar Tip

In both active and passive sentences, the verb should always agree with the subject.

Warm-up

A Jasper is reading about the harmful things that people do. Draw lines to match the active sentences to their correct passive forms.

Active Voice

Passive Voice

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| 1. Factories pollute water. | • | • | Trees are cut down. |
| 2. People cut down trees. | • | • | Animals are harmed. |
| 3. People destroy forests. | • | • | Water is polluted by factories. |
| 4. Hunters harm animals. | • | • | Oil is spilt into the sea. |
| 5. Ships spill oil into the sea. | • | • | Forests are destroyed. |

B Ellie is learning about the dangers that animals are facing. Rewrite the sentences in the passive voice.

1. People hunt cheetahs for their fur.

_____ for their fur.

2. People catch seahorses to make medicine.

_____ to make medicine.

3. A hunter kills a blue whale for its fat.

_____ for its fat.

4. A man catches an elephant for its tusks.

_____ for its tusks.

5. A hunter hunts a deer for its antlers.

_____ for its antlers.

6. Fishermen overfish sea animals.

7. Someone harms monkeys for the bushmeat trade.

8. People destroy animals' habitats for building roads and buildings.

Practice



Jasper is listening to a sharing about protecting tigers. Complete the sharing with the correct form of the given verbs.



Tigers ❶ _____ often _____ (see) as strong and fierce animals but they actually need our help. Every year, many tigers ❷ _____ (harm) for their skin, which ❸ _____ (take) to make fur coats. These coats ❹ _____ (sell) at high prices to collectors. Besides, some of the tigers ❺ _____ (force) to do harsh training because they ❻ _____ (need) to perform in circuses.



Hint: Q6

Who is the doer of the action?

Sadly, not many people ❼ _____ (know) how tigers

❽ _____ (affect) because such information ❾ _____ frequently _____ (not report). Apart from hunting, deforestation is another threat to them.

Their habitat ❿ _____ (destroy) because a lot of trees in forests

⓫ _____ (cut) down. The tigers' lives ⓬ _____ seriously _____ (threaten). It is time to take action to help them.

Proofreading



There is one mistake in each numbered line. Correct the underlined mistakes for Questions 1-2. Underline and correct the mistakes for Questions 3-7.

1. People are hunted turtles for a number of reasons. 1. _____
2. Turtles is killed to make Chinese medicine and Chinese 2. _____
3. herbal jelly. Turtle shells are use to make jewellery and 3. _____
4. expensive products. They are catch easily because they 4. _____
5. move slowly on land. Although they are swum fast in 5. _____
6. the sea, they are often attract to the bait 6. _____
7. or trap in huge fishing nets which are 7. _____
8. setted up by poachers. 8. _____



Hint: Q7

Do not repeat the verb 'be' if the two actions are shared by the same subject.



Grammar in Context

Text Type:
Leaflet

E Ellie is reading a leaflet about wildlife animals. Complete the leaflet with the correct form of the given verbs.

affect believe catch cut endanger enjoy
harm hunt make remove sell support use

Our Wildlife Friends

Our Animal Friends are Dying! Nowadays, many wildlife animals **1** _____ because they and their habitats **2** _____ heavily _____ by human activities.



Asian elephants **3** _____ for their tusks. Many ivory products such as ivory chopsticks and ornaments **4** _____ using their tusks and vended in markets.



Hint: Q5

Read the following words to decide which verb to use.

Certain species of sharks **5** _____ as their fins **6** _____ off to make shark fin soup. This soup **7** _____ in many Chinese banquets such as weddings and the Chinese New Year feasts. When a shark's fin **8** _____, it can no longer swim or find food, and will eventually die.



Rhinos **9** _____ for their horns, which **10** _____ to make Chinese medicine. That medicine **11** _____ to bring good health, so it **12** _____ at high prices. As a result, the number of rhinos is dropping drastically.

Think Twice Before You Buy These Products. Consuming these products means that the act of hunting **13** _____. Therefore, we need to stop buying or using any of these products. You can make a difference!



Hint: Q13

Identify the subject of the sentence first. A subject can be wordy.