

Active Passive True/ False quiz
New Headway Pre-Intermediate Unit 11

With your partner, try to guess which of the things below isn't true.

1. The electric chair was invented by a dentist
2. 10% of Americans have appeared on TV
3. Chewing gum will stop you crying when you're cutting onions
4. A sneeze travels at 10 miles per hour
5. Ice cream was first made in Italy
6. More wine is produced in Italy than France
7. The first underground railway was opened in New York
8. The first jeans were made by Levi Strauss (a German tailor)
9. The original VW Beetle was designed by Ferdinand Porsche
10. Mirrors were invented by the ancient Egyptians
11. Windmills always turn anticlockwise (= the opposite direction to a clock)
12. The rubber tyre was invented by John Dunlop
13. The first football World Cup was played in 1960
14. Over 3 million flowers are grown in the Netherlands (=Holland) each year
15. Bats always turn left when flying out of a cave

Read out your guesses for the rest of the class to compare and the teacher to give the real answers, starting with the ones you are most confident about.

Identify the active and passive tenses above

Adapted from "Did you know?" (Reward Elementary Resource Pack activity 38) and "Believe it or not True or False?" (Clockwise Intermediate Resource Pack pg 44)

Active Passive True/ False quiz Answer Key/ Teacher's Notes

1. The electric chair was invented by a dentist TRUE
2. 10% of Americans have appeared on TV FALSE (really 25% of Americans)
3. Chewing gum will stop you from crying when you are cutting onions TRUE
4. A sneeze travels at 10 miles per hour FALSE (really 100 mph)
5. Ice cream was first made in Italy FALSE (in China)
6. More wine is produced in Italy than France TRUE
7. The first underground railway was opened in New York FALSE (in London)
8. The first jeans were made by Levi Strauss (a German tailor) TRUE
9. The original VW Beetle was designed by Ferdinand Porsche TRUE
10. Mirrors were invented by the ancient Egyptians TRUE
11. Windmills always turn anticlockwise (= the opposite direction to a clock) TRUE
12. The rubber tyre was invented by John Dunlop TRUE
13. The first football World Cup was played in 1960 FALSE (1930)
14. Over 3 million flowers are grown in the Netherlands (=Holland) each year FALSE (3 billion)
15. Bats always turn left when flying out of a cave TRUE

As a more challenging variation, you can ask students to identify the tense and answer the question to get a point.

To add listening (and save paper), you could read out the questions instead of giving out the worksheets.

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Active Passive True/ False quiz Worksheet 2
(vocabulary from New Headway Pre-Intermediate Unit 11)

Make passive sentences including the words below, and your partner will guess if the sentence is true, false or something that you don't know

Champagne
Rolls Royce
The coca plant
invent
factory
produce
steal
Hamburg
large quantities
the Arctic Circle
stamp
beard
briefcase
a lift
aunt
tobacco
plantation
lung
refine
ban
chew
harvest
slave/ slavery
skeleton
tree sap
pick
soil
sugar cane
the London Underground (= the Tube)
petrol station
public toilet
rubber
electric sign
billboard
soldier
toothache