Active and Passive Voice Quiz

We use active voice when the subject performs the action. We use the passive voice when we don’t want to say who performs the action.

Test your understanding of active and passive verb forms with this interactive grammar exercise.

1. His command ..............................................

promptly obeyed
was promptly obeyed
has promptly obeyed

2. That portrait ........................................... by my grandmother.

painted
has painted
was painted

3. They .......................................................... to the party.

have invited
have been invited
have been inviting
4. You ............................... when the time comes.

will be told
told
will told

5. Everybody ............................ with me.

agrees
is agrees
is agreed

6. I was very ................................ in the lesson.

interest
interesting
interested

7. The dog ............................... the man.

bit
was bit
was bitten
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8. He ......................... a very remarkable discovery.

is made
made
was made

9. The accused ...................... to a tree.

bind
bound
was bound

10. She ......................... the first prize in the competition.

Please select 2 correct answers

won
has won
was won

11. The ocean ........................ dry.

cannot pump
cannot be pumped

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cannot have pumped

12. I ..................................... to leave the room.

told
have told
was told

Answers
1. His command was promptly obeyed.
2. That portrait was painted by my grandmother.
3. They have been invited to the party.
4. You will be told when the time comes.
5. Everybody agrees with me.
6. I was very interested in the lesson.
7. The dog bit the man.
8. He made a very remarkable discovery.
9. The accused was bound to a tree.
10. She won / has won the first prize in the competition.
11. The ocean cannot be pumped dry.
12. I was told to leave the room.