

Passive voice problems and solutions speaking

Explain a negative situation/ problem to your partner using a passive form like “My son might be bullied (in his new school)”. Be sure to use the right tense, the right form of the past participle, and suitable time expressions like:

- occasionally
- sometimes
- often
- usually
- always
- just
- recently
- yesterday
- on ...day
- last...
- since...
- for...
- next...
- tomorrow

Ask for your partner’s advice/ help with phrases like “What do you think I should do?”, “Do you have any advice/ ideas?” or “Can you help me (.../ with...)?”, then respond positively or negatively to what they say.

Passive grammar presentation

Change all of the verbs on the no past participles version of the worksheet into the right PP form, then check with the other worksheet.

Match the time expressions above with the correct passive tenses in the middle column below.

With past participles version

I	am/ are/ is	annoyed
My job	was/ were	bored
My duties	has been/ have been	broken
My office	will be	burnt
My wife	will probably be	bought
My partner	might be	bullied
My boss	could be	changed
My line manager	could possibly be	confused
My desk		crushed
My bedroom		cut
My favourite...		damaged
My new...		discouraged
My old...		dismissed/ downsized
My only...		distracted
My...		disturbed
		fired/ sacked
		forbidden to...
		forced to/ made to...
		given
		gossiped about
		infected
		injured
		laughed at/ teased
		left...
		lost
		messed up
		moved
		overcooked
		poisoned
		poured/ spilled
		punished (for/ by...)
		rejected
		replaced
		ripped/ torn
		robbed
		scared
		sold out
		shouted (at)
		stained
		stolen
		taken (away)
		transferred
		trapped
		undercooked
		woken (up)

No past participles version

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