

# English Tenses & Verb Forms

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Test 6 English tenses in the **reported speech** and **passive voice**.

## Exercise 1

15 points

"We couldn't swim in the sea."

### *Direct speech into reported speech.*

They claimed that .....

"I used to be slim."

"I can't go to school."

Liz told us .....

He said .....

"Why are you wearing such a hat?"

"Why don't you like it?"

He asked me .....

She wondered .....

"I wouldn't do it if I were you."

## Exercise 2

8 points

Terence said .....

### *Write the sentences in the passive voice.*

"We will stay in Madrid."

Example:

*A postman delivered this parcel.*

*This parcel was delivered by a postman.*

They claimed that .....

"Don't open the door, please."

The firm uses white bricks to build the hall.

She told us .....

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"I'm just looking."

You must not cross the road now.

Susan replied that .....

.....

"We came a year ago."

They were cooking the dinner at 7 o'clock.

They explained that .....

.....

"I have never eaten this cake."

Mr. Black will inform Derek.

He admitted that .....

.....

"Are you from France?"

El Greco painted this picture.

He wanted to know .....

.....

"You must help me."

They are knocking down the old school.

She said .....

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"I have not been doing anything."

Has anyone switched on the light?

He told me .....

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"The Amazon is the biggest river."

They may leave bicycles in the schoolyard.

I knew that .....

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**Exercise 3**

7 points

TOTAL 30 points

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*Make questions in the passive voice. Use the words in brackets.*

Example:

*I have seen the riot outside our school.*

Yes? ..... ?  
(anybody/injure)

Yes? Has anybody been injured?

There was a sci-fi film on at the cinema last night.

..... ?  
(your children/admit to see it)

Mr. and Mrs. Moore will give a party on Friday.

..... ?  
(Susan/invite)

Last night a hurricane hit the coast of Florida.

..... ?  
(people/warn before)

Please, leave your coat and bags here.

..... ?  
(must leave/handbags)

Your desk is here now and the copying machine is in the corner.

..... ?  
(anything else/change)

The police caught the robbers early in the morning.

Where ..... ?  
(the robbers/catch)

The earthquake has damaged a lot of houses.

..... ?  
(anybody/kill)