Playing with Passives

1 Correct the mistakes in the following sentences 1-8.

1 In England cold milk is serve with tea.
2 Fast food are often ate by people in a hurry.
3 Sandwiches are make using bread or rolls and a filling.
4 Employees in offices is require to do more and more nowadays.
5 Clay court tennis is play in countries such as Spain, France, Italy and South America.
6 Organic food is produce in more and more countries around the world.
7 Wine are often drank with an evening meal.
8 The cakes were make by the head chef.

2 Make questions in the Passive using the following prompts 1-8.

1 Where/the Eiffel Tower/situate?
2 Who/Lord of the Rings film trilogy/direct by?
3 Who/Harry Potter series/write by?
4 What/add/to bread to make it rise?
5 How many pieces/use/in a game of chess?
6 Where/Spanish Steps/situate?
7 How many minutes/play/one half of a football match?
8 How much/coffee/use approximately/make one cup of coffee?

When you have written the questions, work with your partner to answer the questions. If there are any you can't answer, ask another student.

3 Write four quiz questions using the Passive to ask your partner.

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TEACHER’S NOTES:

Aim: to provide further practice of the Passive. This worksheet is designed to be used in conjunction with unit 8.1.

Time: 40 minutes maximum

Materials: photocopies of the worksheet for each student.

1. Tell students to imagine they are a teacher who has to correct the sentences. Give students time to compare their answers and correct each other’s work if necessary before checking the answers with the class.

   Answers: 1 In England cold milk is served with tea. 2 Fast food is often eaten by people in a hurry. 3 Sandwiches are made using bread or rolls and a filling. 4 Employees in offices are required to do more and more nowadays. 5 Clay court tennis is played in countries such as Spain, France, Italy and South America. 6 Organic food is produced in more and more countries around the world. 7 Wine is often drunk with an evening meal. 8 The cakes were made by the head chef.

2. Tell students they have to construct complete sentences using the Passive and the cues 1-8. If necessary do the first one with them as an example. Check answers with the class.

   Answers: 1 Where is the Eiffel Tower situated? (Paris) 2 Who is the Lord of the Rings film trilogy directed by? (Peter Jackson) 3 Who is the Harry Potter series written by? (J K Rowling) 4 What is added to bread to make it rise? (yeast) 5 How many pieces are used in a game of chess? (32) 6 Where are the Spanish steps situated? (Rome) 7 How many minutes are played in one half of a football match? (45) 8 How much coffee is used approximately to make one cup of coffee? (1 x teaspoon)

3. Monitor this last activity to check that students have used the passive correctly/or they may need a few pointers from you. Tell them to base their questions on the structure of those that they have already written in Ex. 2, but just to change the actual people, places or things used.