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.
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1. His command

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promptly obeyed
was promptly obeyed
has promptly obeyed
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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.
4. Tod When the time comes.
will be told
told
will told
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5. Everybody with me.
agrees
agrees
is agrees
f
is agreed

6. I was very in the lesson.
interest
interesting
interested
7. The dog the man.
bit
was bit
was bitten
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

cannot pump
cannot be pumped
cannot have pumped
12. I to leave the room.
12. I to leave the room.

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.