

La voix passive

Durée : 55 min

Barème : / 20 points

Barème : 1 point par question, soit 4 points par exercice

Unités : réponse sans unité = 0,5 point retiré

1 Compréhension de l'écrit : un article

/ 4 pts

- a. In the attic of a farmhouse in Yorkshire, last month, by the new owners (while the roof was being repaired).
- b. It was taken to a museum in Leeds, it was examined by three experts, and it was identified as a 17th-century Dutch portrait.
- c. « It was probably bought by a rich farmer two centuries ago and then forgotten. »
- d. It will be cleaned and restored in London, then shown to the public next year. The owners must decide whether they accept the £250,000 offered by a collector.

Méthode — Un article au passif enchaîne ce qui arrive à l'objet (was found, was taken, was examined) : suis la chronologie des verbes passifs pour reconstruire l'histoire.

2 Compréhension de l'écrit : lecture d'un tableau

/ 4 pts

- a. From Ghana and Ecuador; about 4 weeks and 6 days (3 weeks + 2 days + 3 days + 1 day + 1 week).
- b. Steps 3, 4 and 5; step 5 (the bars are wrapped by machines and checked by hand).
- c. Step 3: Workers roast and grind the beans. Step 5: Machines wrap the bars and workers check them by hand.
- d. Ex.: The beans were roasted in huge ovens. The bars were wrapped by machines and checked by workers.

Repère — Un procédé de fabrication se décrit naturellement au passif présent, sans agent ; pour repasser à l'actif, il faut inventer le sujet (workers, machines).

3 Grammaire : le passif à tous les temps

/ 4 pts

- a. was built ; is used ; has been renovated ; will be opened.
- b. The dinner was prepared by a famous chef. / Credit cards aren't accepted here. / Was the roof damaged by the storm?
- c. The lights must be switched off. / Photos can't be taken (by visitors).
- d. « The cake was made by my grandmother, and the candles were lit by my father. » (was ; made ; were lit ; by)

Erreur fréquente — Quatre points à vérifier sur chaque passif : be au bon temps, be accordé avec le sujet, participe passé de la 3e colonne, by (et non with ou from) devant l'agent.

4 Participes passés et agent

/ 4 pts

- a. spoken, grown, sold, broken, given, found, taken, caught.
- b. a) omis (someone = inconnu) ; b) gardé (nom célèbre, information utile) ; c) omis (évident : le personnel) ; d) gardé (agent surprenant : un gardien qui marque).
- c. with ; by ; with ; by.
- d. I was given a bike for my birthday, but it was stolen a week later.

Astuce — Avant d'écrire by, demande-toi si l'agent apprend quelque chose au lecteur : s'il est inconnu, évident ou vague, supprime-le.

5 Expression écrite guidée

/ 4 pts

- a. Ex.: The Vélodrome stadium is located in Marseille. It was built in 1937 and it was completely redesigned by a team of architects in 2014.
- b. Today it is used by Olympique de Marseille and it is visited by thousands of fans every week. Guided tours are offered in French and English.
- c. In 1998, the stadium was enlarged for the World Cup, and several matches of the tournament were played there.
- d. Bags must be opened at the entrance, and glass bottles are not allowed inside. In 2030, the roof will be equipped with solar panels.

Le point clé — Présenter un monument est l'emploi type du passif : construit par, utilisé pour, visité par, rénové en — varie les temps (was, is, has been, will be, must be).