

Corrigé et barème – La voix passive

be + participe passé, passage actif & passif, by + agent — niveau 3e

Durée : 55 min – Sans document – Sur 20 points · Anglais 3e

Exercice 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). (1)
- 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. (1)
- c) « It was probably bought by a rich farmer two centuries ago and then forgotten. » (1)
- 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. (1)

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.

Exercice 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). (1)
- b) Steps 3, 4 and 5; step 5 (the bars are wrapped by machines and checked by hand). (1)
- c) Step 3: Workers roast and grind the beans. Step 5: Machines wrap the bars and workers check them by hand. (1)
- d) Ex.: The beans were roasted in huge ovens. The bars were wrapped by machines and checked by workers. (1)

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).

Exercice 3 – Grammaire : le passif à tous les temps

(4 pts)

- a) was built ; is used ; has been renovated ; will be opened. (1)
- b) The dinner was prepared by a famous chef. / Credit cards aren't accepted here. / Was the roof damaged by the storm? (1)
- c) The lights must be switched off. / Photos can't be taken (by visitors). (1)
- d) « The cake was made by my grandmother, and the candles were lit by my father. » (was ; made ; were lit ; by) (1)

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.

Exercice 4 – Participes passés et agent*(4 pts)*

- a) spoken, grown, sold, broken, given, found, taken, caught. (1)
- b) a) omis (someone = inconnu) ; b) gardé (nom célèbre, information utile) ; c) omis (évident : le personnel) ; d) gardé (agent surprenant : un gardien qui marque). (1)
- c) with ; by ; with ; by. (1)
- d) I was given a bike for my birthday, but it was stolen a week later. (1)

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

Exercice 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. (1)
- 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. (1)
- c) In 1998, the stadium was enlarged for the World Cup, and several matches of the tournament were played there. (1)
- 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. (1)

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).