

Teachers' Notes

Level	Pre Int
Age	Any
Skill	Grammar
Time	40 minutes

Overview

The lesson practices the present simple passive form by getting students to find similarities between objects.

Stage One: Awareness raising

Ask students to match the two parts of the sentence. One sentence is in the present simple and another is in the present simple passive.

Answers:

Rats and mice both like to eat cheese. Rats and mice are both hunted by cats. Milk and exercise both help children to grow. Milk and exercise are both recommended by doctors. Melons and tobacco both need a lot of water. Melons and tobacco are both grown in the United States. Hurricanes and earthquakes both kill a lot of people. Hurricanes and earthquakes are both studied by scientists.

Stage Two : Focus on meaning

Ask students to underline the main verb in each of the sentences and to identify who does the action (the agent). In the active sentences, the agent will be before the main verb. In the passive sentence, the agent will be after the verb or not needed.

Stage Three : Grammar explanation / controlled practice

Explain the meaning and form of the present simple passive using the examples given. Elicit further examples from students related to your teaching context. Ask students to correct the errors in the sentences without looking at the original handout.

Stage Four: Practice

This stage can be done as a competition between groups. Elicit foods that are commonly eaten for breakfast. Write on the board: Both (food) and (food) are eaten for breakfast. Now elicit the form of the sentence using 'them', i.e. 'Both of them are eaten for breakfast.' Tell students you want them to write a similar sentence. Read out the first two items (hammer and saw). The first team to write a grammatically correct sentence is the winner.

Possible answers:

Hammers and saws are both used in construction / are both made from iron.

Gloves and hats are both worn in winter / are both made from material.

Diwali and Holi are both celebrated by Hindus / in India.

Pizza and spaghetti are both produced in Italy / are both eaten in Italian restaurants.

Statues and paintings are both created by artists / are both exhibited in museums.

Cheese and yoghurt are both made from milk.

Dengue and malaria are both transmitted by mosquitoes.

Mice and rats are both hunted by cats.

Robbers and murderers are both caught by police / are both sent to prison.

The Earth and Saturn are both visited by spaceships / are both orbited by moons.

Wine and beer are both drunk in bars / at weddings.

The Olympics and the World Cup are both held every four years.