

Good morning.

April 3, 2010

Can you see my screen?

Can you see the list of questions?

Today I think I'm going to give the microphone over to students.

We've tried this in the past, but it didn't work very well.

We are going to work on the following:

The passive voice

Past tense regular verbs --
pronunciation

expressions

Have you started the green level?

Is anyone having trouble
understanding how to use the passive
voice?

The passive voice

(be) + the past participle

When were you born?

Where were you born?

I was born in...

I was born in **Burma**.

His argument is based on fallacious reasoning?

He bases his argument on...

I was born in Chile in _____.

I was born in 1969.

Almost the entire month of April will be spent on the passive voice.

raise / raised / raised / raising

Where were you raised?

raise = bring a baby or child into the world and help that person become an adult.

I was raised in India.

My parents raised me in Taiwan.
I was raised in Taiwan.

How were you raised?
What did your parents do?

I was raised in a loving home.

rise = get out of bed

arise

rise / rose / risen

The sun is rising.

The sun rose.

The sun rose here at about 7:00.

The sun has risen.

Present perfect:

How long have you had your job?

I have had my job for _____ years.

How long have you been at _____?

I've been there for _____.

How long have you worked at your job?

I have worked there for _____ years.

(you still work there)

Past tense:

How long did you work at _____?

I worked there for _____ years.

(you are not there now)

here / in here

Where are you?

I'm over here.

I'm in here. (use "in" when you are in a room)

You are still at the company:

1. I work for a big company. (present)

I work for _____.

2. I have worked there for three years.
(present perfect)

3. I have been working at _____ for
three years.
(present perfect continuous tense)

I've found a new job.

I was hired by _____. (passive)

I have been here for two years.

I never smoke.

I will never smoke.

Will you ever smoke?

I was injured at work.

I waited for three years to get this job.

I was waited on by that young woman over there.

She waited on me. (a waitress)

The passive voice is used when the subject of the sentence doesn't do anything. Something happens to the subject:

I was hit by a ball. (passive)

A ball hit me. (active)

Pregnant women are exempt from dental charges under the new health insurance rules.

wait for / wait on

I'm waiting for a delivery.

She's waiting on me. She's a waitress.

wait up / hold on

Wait up. You're walking too fast.

Hold on. I have to take another call.

unvoiced:

work**ed** t

pass**ed**

stop**ped**

voiced:

moved d

dragged

rubbed

t / d

waited id

needed

get in on the ground floor = to start at
a lower position in a company

I hope to get in on the ground floor
with that company.

She got a sales job at Macy's. She's
getting in on the ground floor.

go in one ear and out the other =
someone isn't listening to you

He never listens to me. It goes in one ear and out the other.

Go over someone's head = bypass authority

I went over my boss's head and spoke with the district manager.

I'm going to go over your head and talk to someone else about this situation.

check it out = look at something; go somewhere.

There's a new Indian restaurant opening down the street. Let's check

it out.

Check it out. There's a new Jaguar.

the grass is always greener on the other side of the fence = you might think a situation is better than yours if you don't experience it directly.

A fence separates two properties.

You look over the fence and you see what someone else has. It looks nicer than what you have.

We often envy what other people have.

We are going to have another

webinar this Monday, April 5 at 1 PM.

The next webinar following that will be on Wednesday, April 7 at 7 PM

envy = be jealous of what someone else has

I envy you.

I don't envy you.

drop = let loose, let go

I dropped my class.

