

PASSIVE VOICE - present simple

am / is / are + past participle

Active: Tom plays soccer

Passive: Soccer is played by Tom

- The object of the active becomes the new Subject in the passive.
- The passive verb changes into its passive form (past participle- 3. Form)
- The subject of the active becomes the by_agent in the passive.

Step by step

1. Define the tense? → simple present
2. Find the passive Object → soccer
3. Form of "to be" for the passive → soccer "is"
4. 3rd form of the verb → play = played
5. Passive sentence word order →
6. ~by_agent~ if needed → by Tom

Now you can build the sentence in passive voice.

Identifying Passive Voice

Use the following *indicators* to recognize passive voice

☛ It is unclear who or what is responsible for the action:

- Her car was broken into. (by whom?)

☛ The object of the action is in the subject slot of the sentence:

- Her Car was broken into by the shady neighbour.

☛ A sentence combines a form of "to be" (e.g. is, was, are...) with a past or future tense verb:

- Her window **was shattered** during the break-in.
- Her window **will be fixed** by a repairman.

Decide whether the sentences are written in Active or Passive.

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|---|---|
| ① My room is cleaned every day. () | ② Fresh vegetables are sold at the supermarket. () |
| ③ He doesn't open the window. () | ④ Susan writes articles for a fashion magazine. () |
| ⑤ An old woman feeds the pigeons. () | ⑥ The policemen catch the thief. () |
| ⑦ Are you picked up by your mom? () | ⑧ Our car is repaired by the mechanic. () |
| ⑨ Sara is called every day by her friend. () | ⑩ She pays a lot of money. () |

Fill in the gaps with the correct form of the verb to complete the passive form

- ① Delicious cakes _____ by my Grandma. (make)
- ② A lot of criminals _____ in Chicago by the policemen. (catch)
- ③ Thousands of people _____ by natural disasters every year. (hurt)
- ④ The doorbell _____ by the courier. (ring)
- ⑤ Foxes _____ in people's gardens at night. (see/often)
- ⑥ The housework _____ by Mrs. Garcia. (do/usual)

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Change Aktive to Passiv! Passive Sentence Word Order: (O=S-V-by Agent)

- Sort the clauses of each sentence correctly in the table.
- Change the sentence to the passive by matching the clauses correctly in the column.
- Write the correct sentence in passive voice down.

e.g. My mother bakes a cake today.  Passive: A cake is baked by my mother today.

Sentence structure	S (Subject)	Form of "to be"	V (Verb) V 3 rd form	O (Object)	by Agent	date/time/place
Aktiv	My mother		bakes	a cake		today
Passiv	A cake	is	baked		by my mother	today

- ① My father plants this tree. Passiv: _____
- ② She delivers the letters. Passiv: _____
- ③ Mike takes this photograph. Passiv: _____
- ④ We receive a lot of phone calls every day. Passiv: _____
- ⑤ Teenagers read fashion magazines. Passiv: _____

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Change the active sentences into passive

① I feed our cat at seven o'clock every day.

② The pupils explain the lesson today.

③ Jerry loves the sunshine.

④ The people in Bavaria love "Leberkas".

⑤ She always upsets me very much.

⑥ The children enjoy their cookies.

⑦ The waiter brings our drinks.

⑧ My mother calls a doctor when someone falls ill.

⑨ Thomas keeps the school record in spelling.

⑩ They build new houses, young families buy them.



Change the passive sentences into active

① The cows are fed by the farmer.

② A test is written by the class on monday.

③ The gifts for the family are wrapped by mom.

④ A goal is scored by Jannik in the soccer game.

⑤ Four glasses of wine are sold by Anna.

⑥ Three litres of water are drunk by him everyday.

⑦ The water hose is taken by the commandant.

⑧ The rent is paid for by her.

⑨ 10€ per hour are earned by Tim at the market.

⑩ My sister puts the cookies in the oven and sets the timer for 20 minutes.



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Choose the correct form of the verb and mark the sentence correct (active/passive)

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|--|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| ① The movie <u>make</u> <u>makes</u> <u>is made</u> <u>are made</u> in Hollywood. | ☐ Active | ☐ Passive |
| ② The offices <u>is clean</u> <u>are clean</u> <u>are cleaned</u> <u>is cleaned</u> very morning. | ☐ Active | ☐ Passive |
| ③ The firmen <u>rescue</u> <u>rescues</u> <u>is rescued</u> <u>are rescued</u> the old man. | ☐ Active | ☐ Passive |
| ④ The bathroom must <u>clean</u> <u>is cleaned</u> <u>be clean</u> <u>be cleaned</u> by you. | ☐ Active | ☐ Passive |
| ⑤ Three apples <u>eat</u> <u>eats</u> <u>is eaten</u> <u>are eaten</u> <u>ate</u> my brother. | ☐ Active | ☐ Passive |
| ⑥ The thieves <u>steal</u> <u>steals</u> <u>is stolen</u> <u>are stolen</u> any valuable paintings. | ☐ Active | ☐ Passive |
| ⑦ Many articles <u>write</u> <u>are written</u> <u>wrote</u> <u>is written</u> about global warming. | ☐ Active | ☐ Passive |
| ⑧ The candles in the garden <u>is light</u> <u>is lighted</u> <u>are lighted</u> <u>light</u> by Robert. | ☐ Active | ☐ Passive |

Match and write!

- Match the phrases to form a correct meaningful sentence in passive voice.
- Write the correct sentences down.

tea is served with milk	① Every day the museum	are employed by Siemens
is make online	② Every day millions of purchases	causes by humans
are caused by humans	③ Thousands of people	tea serves with milk
employs by Siemens	④ In many parts of the world	are made online
visits by thousands of people	⑤ Many of the world's environmental problems	is visited by thousands of people

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Revision: irregular verbs

infinitive	simple past	past participle	German
(to) catch			
		rung	
			kaufen
	hid		
break			
		blown	
			beißen
	dreamt/dreamed		
drink			
			finden
	flew		
			wachsen
		heard	
	held		

Sentence structure - Word order in passive voice

①

saucer / milk / for / a / usually / is / the cat / of / left

②

the teacher / by / today / is / the grammar / explained

③

played / the world / over / is / soccer / all

④

coffee / is / a lot of / meeting / drunk / every / in

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Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets in present simple passive.

- ① All the employees in this company _____ really well. (pay)
- ② Our local museum _____ by a million of tourists during summer. (visit)
- ③ Her bedroom _____ by her. (not/tidy/often)
- ④ The washmachine is _____ switched on _____ at the wall. (switch on)
- ⑤ The lights _____ all night. (leave on)
- ⑥ I _____ to go to every meeting. (not/expect)
- ⑦ The information _____ forever. (keep)
- ⑧ English and Maths _____ at all schools in Germany. (study)
- ⑨ _____ Pandas _____ in Zoos? (keep)
- ⑩ How _____ the Olympic Games _____? (hold/often)

Express the following sentences in English (german language skills required!)



- ① Viele Bücher werden jedes Jahr gelesen.

- ② Es werden nicht mehr viele CD's und DVD's gekauft.

- ③ Das schnelle Auto wird von meinem Bruder gefahren.

- ④ Die Maus wird von unserer Katze gefangen.

- ⑤ Mein Auto wird von mir gewaschen.

- ⑥ Mir werden interessante Geschichten erzählt von meinem Freund.

- ⑦ Der Nagel wird mit dem Hammer geschlagen von mir.
