

# PASSIVE VOICE

| ACTIVE VOICE                            | PASSIVE VOICE                               |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Focus on "the performer" of the action. | Focus on "the receiver (DO)" of the action. |
|                                         | BE + Vpast participle                       |

## ACTIVE VOICE:

Mario Vargas Llosa wrote La Fiesta del chivo in 2000.

## PASSIVE VOICE:

La Fiesta del chivo was written by Mario Vargas Llosa in 2000.

Focus on the subject:  
Vargas Llosa is the performer)

Focus on the object:  
La fiesta del chivo is the receiver (DO)



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| 1) SIMPLE PRESENT     | : IS/ ARE + Vpast participle       |
| 2) SIMPLE PAST        | : WAS/ WERE + Vpast participle     |
| 3) PRESENT CONTINUOUS | : IS/ARE BEING + Vpast participle  |
| 4) PRESENT PERFECT    | : HAS/HAVE BEEN + Vpast participle |
| 5) MODAL VERBS        | : MODAL + BE + Vpast participle    |

## MODALS:

CAN  
MUST  
WOULD  
SHOULD  
MAY  
MIGHT  
COULD

## EXERCISES: Rewrite the sentences into the passive voice

- Mark Twain wrote "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer"  
The adventures of Tom Sawyer was written by Mark Twain.
- Someone has stolen my laptop.  
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- People should protect the environment.  
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- Bees produce honey.  
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- Madonna sang "La isla Bonita" in 1980.  
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- Tim's parents have forgotten the sandwiches.  
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- Andrea and Paola are writing a book.  
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- My grandmother told good stories.  
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- They are making a lot of traditional dishes for the festival.  
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- The police officers help poor children on Christmas.  
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- Leonardo Da Vinci painted The Monalisa.  
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- Someone could buy the tickets online.  
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