

The Passive Voice

Present Simple	am/is/are + past participle	<i>Millions of bicycles are made each year.</i>
Past Simple	was/were + past participle	<i>The letter was sent from Dover.</i>
Present Perfect Simple	have/has been + past participle	<i>The building has been renovated recently.</i>
Past Perfect Simple	had been + past participle	<i>Dinner had been served when we arrived.</i>
Future Will	will be + past participle	<i>The hall will be decorated tomorrow.</i>
Future Perfect Simple	will have been + past participle	<i>All the invitations will have been sent by tomorrow.</i>
Modal Verbs	modal verb + be + past participle	<i>This room must be painted.</i>

1- Look at the Transition town ideas. Rewrite the verbs in bold so they are passive verbs:

- a. In Tooting in London, people held a carnival called “Trashcatcher’s Carnival”.

In Tooting in London, a carnival called “Trashcatcher’s Carnival” _____.

- b. People made all the things for the carnival - costumes, musical instruments, etc.- from old bits of rubbish.

All the things in carnival - costumes, musical instruments, etc. _____ from old bits of rubbish.

- c. Transition town leaders see the carnival as the one of the most successful examples of community-spirit building.

The carnival _____ by Transition town leaders see the carnival as the one of the most successful examples of community-spirit building.

- d. Volunteers at “Cycletastic” in Kilburn in north London run cycle repair workshops.

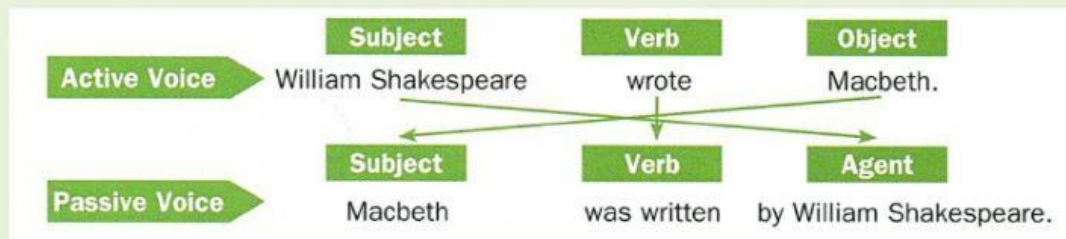
Cycle repair workshops _____ by volunteers at “Cycletastic” in Kilburn in north London.

- e. People bring their broken bicycles to the workshop and volunteers teach them how to repair them.

People bring their broken bicycles to the workshop and _____ how to repair them.

- f. “Cycletastic” doesn’t throw away old bicycles. It sells them cheap to local residents.

Old bicycles _____. Cycletastic sells them cheap to local residents.



2- Turn the following sentences from ACTIVE into PASSIVE:

1. The gardener **has planted** some trees.

Example: Some trees **have been planted** by the gardener.

2. Doctor Brown will give you some advice.

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3. A famous designer will redecorate the hotel.

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4. Steven Spielberg directed "E.T."

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5. Someone has broken the crystal vase.

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6. His parents have brought him up to be polite.

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7. Fleming discovered penicillin.

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8. They will advertise the product on television.

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9. Someone is remaking that film.

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10. Picasso painted that picture.

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