



Passive voice



We use the passive voice when we don't know who did the action or the action itself is more important.

We can only form a passive sentence from an active sentence when there is an object in the active sentence.

The passive voice is less usual than the active voice. But sometimes a statement in passive is more polite than in active voice.

The passive is formed with the verb **to be** and the **past participle** of the main verb.

Present Simple → **am / is / are + past participle**

Past Simple → **was / were + past participle**

Present Perfect → **have / has been + past participle**

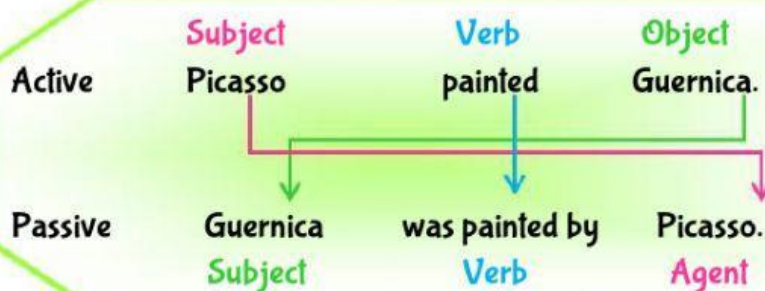
Future Simple → **will be + past participle**

The office is cleaned every day.

The office was cleaned at 5 o'clock.

The office has already been cleaned.

The office will be cleaned tonight.



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Put the sentences in the passive voice.

- Mary shut the window because it was cold.
- We have eaten all the bread.
- My grandma will bake a cheesecake on Sunday.
- The students play basketball.
- They produce Rolls Royce in England.
- A postman has just delivered a letter for me.
- They will announce the winner next week.
- Shakespeare wrote 'Romeo and Juliet'.
- I make my bed every day.
- Al and Sue will buy a new car next year.

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Put the sentences in the active voice.

- 'Titanic' was directed by James Cameron.
- The rooms will be booked tomorrow.
- Projectors are used at school.
- The river has just been crossed by the kids.
- Coke is produced by The Coca Cola Company.
- Patrick will be operated next month.
- The bone was eaten by the dog.
- The poster has been hung on the wall by us.
- Our house was built by my grandpa.
- The songs were sung by the girls.



Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb "to be".

- Dinner _____ cooked by my father on Sundays.
- The eggs _____ painted by the children last Easter.
- The exam results _____ given to John next week.
- The plants _____ watered since last weekend.
- "A Christmas Carol" _____ written by Charles Dickens.
- The photocopier _____ already _____ delivered.
- Mercedes cars _____ manufactured in Germany.
- The rubbish _____ taken out tomorrow morning.
- Light bulb _____ invented by Thomas Edison.
- A new song _____ recorded by Lady Gaga next year.



Are the sentences active or passive?

- Vivaldi composed more than forty operas. _____
- Letters are delivered every day. _____
- Have you been informed about the meeting? _____
- My sister types very fast. _____
- The sink will be repaired on Thursday. _____
- Mary has already shown me her photos from India. _____
- I have to finish my biology project tonight. _____
- Harry will be given a motorbike for his 18th birthday. _____
- Tina took her dog for a walk last night. _____
- My office is cleaned three times a week. _____
- The computer hasn't been used for a long time. _____
- I often read a story to my little sister. _____
- We haven't paid the gas bill yet. _____
- English is spoken in many countries. _____
- My fiancée cooks delicious roast beef. _____



Order the words to make sentences.

- Alexander Graham Bell / invented / the telephone / by / was / ?

- punished / behaviour / will / for / they / their / be / .

- six / questionnaire / out / is / months / a / every / sent / .

- today / the / been / cat / has / fed / ?

- are / France / frog / legs / eaten / in / .



Correct the mistakes.

- The walls has been painted recently.

- My wallet stole on the bus yesterday.

- The dishes is washed by the dishwasher.

- A new cook book will release next month.

- Who America discovered by?

- Have the emails been send yet?

- Our town will visit by the Queen next week.

- The presents were already opened.

- My cat are always chased by your dog.

- Helen is stung by a wasp last summer.

