

We form the passive with...

... subject + verb to be + past participle

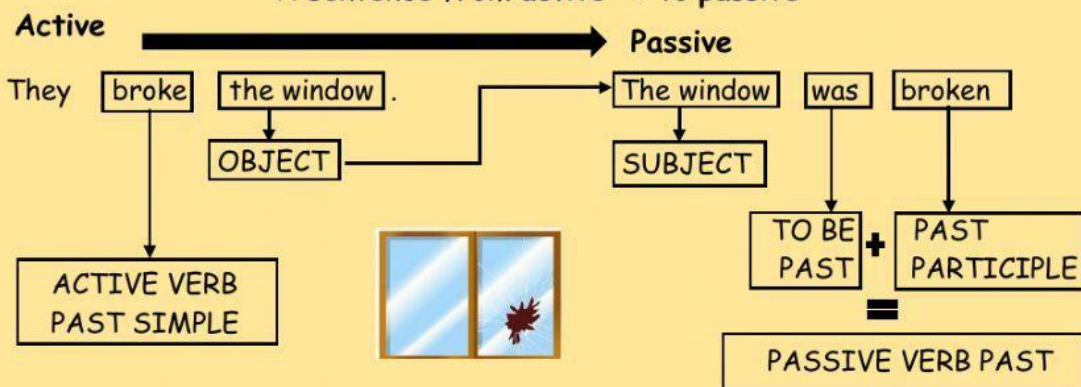
The passive verb: past simple

verb to be in the past → was / were + past participle

I. Complete the table with present simple passive verbs.

Active	Passive	Active	Passive
invented	was / were invented	saw	_____
broke	_____	ate	_____
stole	_____	gave	_____
created	_____	started	_____
mixed	_____	awarded	_____

A sentence from active ⇒ to passive



REMEMBER

Active sentences start with the subject. The subject is the person or thing that does the action.

In passive sentences, the subject is the recipient of the action.

We use *by* to introduce the person or thing which does the action in passive sentences.

- The girls were followed by a strange man.

We only use *by* with passive sentences when it's important to mention who does the action.



- A man climbed Mount Everest for the first time in 1953.
- Mount Everest was climbed for the first time in 1953.
- The Beatles wrote the song 'Yesterday'.
- The song 'Yesterday' was written by the Beatles.

Affirmative

This invention was used by millions of people.
These computers were used by all the students.

II. Complete the sentences with the past simple passive of the verbs given.

1. When we were in London, we _____ to see Abbey Road Studios. (take)
2. Most of the Beatles songs _____ there. (record)
3. The soundtrack of *Avatar* _____ by an Abbey Road sound engineer. (mix)
4. The engineer, Simon Rhodes, _____ to Los Angeles to do the work. (fly)
5. *Avatar* _____ two Golden Globe Awards. (award)
6. It _____ by more than 25 million people around the world. (see)
7. *Avatar* _____ by James Cameron. (write)

Negative

This invention wasn't used by millions of people.
These computers weren't used by all the students.

III. Complete the sentences with the past passive negative of the verbs given.

1. The palace _____ in 1789. (not build)
2. Mona Lisa _____ by Renoir. (not paint)
3. The dog _____ to attack. (not train)
4. The exercises _____ before the test. (not correct)
5. The telephone _____. (not answer)
6. The airplane _____ in the 19th century. (not invent)
7. The presents _____ from the children. (not hide)



Questions and short answers

Was this invention used by millions of people? Yes, it was. / No, it wasn't.

Were these computers used by all the students? Yes, they were. / No, they weren't.

IV. Write questions and short answers using the prompts.

you / invite for the party? ✓ Were you invited for the party? Yes, I was.

1. the email / send? × _____?
2. the houses / demolish? ✓ _____?
3. the flowers / deliver? × _____?
4. the film / award a prize? × _____?
5. you / tell about the test? ✓ _____?

V. Rewrite the sentences in the passive.

1. Steven Spielberg directed 'Jurassic Park'. _____
2. Frank Whittle designed the jet engine. _____
3. They didn't sell the house. _____
4. They sent a reply yesterday. _____
5. Nobody prepared coffee this morning. _____