2 BAT PASSIVE VOICE: BASIC REVIEW

PASSIVE VOICE

BASIC PASSIVE STRUCTURE.

Facebook **is** commonly **used** in eastern countries

A new brand of car **will be released** soon

Where **was** it **stolen**?

English **is being** ..... all over the world

Passive Voice with BY + agent. We use BY when the agent is important.

The future will be dominated **by a minority**

The door was closed **by the wind**

The Guernica was painted **by** .....

In all of these cases, the agent is <u>essential</u>. Otherwise, the sentences are unfinished

⚠ **We do <u>not</u> use BY + agent when the agent is not specific: ~~by someone~~, ~~by them~~, …**

The criminal was arrested

Nobody was hurt

It will be hidden

BE ALLOWED TO / BE SUPPOSED TO. These structures are passive in themselves.

Present: You're not allowed to be here

What …… I allowed to do now?

Where are we allowed to sit?

..... we allowed to stay?

Past: They …… allowed to speak

She ..... allowed to sit the exam

Future neg: You ..... allowed to leave

Present: You're not supposed to be here

What ..... I supposed to do now?

Past: They were supposed to help

You …….. supposed to pay

PASSIVE SENTENCES WITH PREPOSITIONS

The managers will speak to you as soon as possible

= You will be spoken to by the manager as soon as possible

I know they spoke about me at the party

= I know I was ..... at the party

She took care of the baby all day

= The baby was ..... all day

CAUSATIVE

When another person (usually a professional) is the one who did a job for us, we use a specific passive structure: HAVE + SOMETHING + DONE (GB)

GET + SOMETHING + DONE (USA)

This is also called THE CAUSATIVE.

I had my car repaired = I got my car repaired (= the mechanic repaired my car)

She'll have her room decorated (= a designer will decorate her room)

We'll get our hair cut (= a hairdresser will cut our hair)

She has had her eyes tested (=an optician……)

We have got our bikes checked (=a mechanic ……)

TWO-OBJECT SENTENCES (Direct + Indirect object)

Two-object verbs: send, give, promise, offer, teach, pass, write,...

They sent him a letter

→ A letter **was sent** to him

→ He **was sent** a letter

She promised us a new car

→ ……

→ ……

NON-PERSONAL or IMPERSONAL PASSIVE SENTENCES

Impersonal sentences do not have a clear subject (general).

ACTIVE		**PASSIVE**	
People say	that the crisis will be over soon	It is said	that the crisis will be over soon
People commented		It was ……..	
People will suggest		It will ……	
People imagine		It ……	
People believed		It ……. believed	
People have known		It …… known	

INFINITIVE PASSIVE.

1.Introductory verbs

Love, Need, Like, Want, Hate, Hope, … + to be + V3

She hopes ..... chosen

The baby ..... to be fed

She ..... told everything

We ..... shouted at

I love ..... hugged

2. To refer to the present or future we use present simple infinitive.

It is believed that **he is** a good manager.

= **He** is believed **to be** a good manager.

It is known that **those people are** criminals

= **They** .....criminals

To refer to an activity in progress at the moment of speaking we use present continuous infinitive.

It is rumored that **inflation is** increasing.

= **Inflation** is rumored **to be** increasing.

It was generally believed that **things were** improving

= **Things** were generally ..... improving

To refer to the past we use perfect infinitive.

It is said that **they suffered** huge losses last year.

= **They** are said **to have suffered** huge losses last year.

It is worldwide known that **they** got over the crisis

= **They** ..... the crisis

We use this structure for newspaper reporting or formal structures

Complete these sentences with the missing words.

ACTIVE	IMPERSONAL PASSIVE	INFINITIVE PASSIVE
People say inflation is over	It is said inflation is over	Inflation is said to be over
They expect the economy will expand	It is ..... the economy will expand.	The economy ..... expected ..... expand
They believe he's a good manager	It.....	He..... .....