

How do I make a verb passive?

1 Tick the correct sentence in each pair.

- 1 a My home is located in the western part of the city.
b My home locates in the western part of the city.
- 2 a These funds can be give to the poorer people to help them.
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The passive is formed with the verb *to be* + the past participle of the verb:
*Nowadays, a great deal of money **is spent** on advertising.*

The verb *to be* should be changed into the correct tense:

Tense	Passive
present simple	is spent
present continuous	is being spent
simple past	was spent
past continuous	was being spent
present perfect	has been spent
past perfect	had been spent

To make the negative, we put *not* between the verb *to be* and the past participle:
*We **were not told** that the rules had changed.*

The passive can also be used in the infinitive form:

*Children need **to be taught** the correct way to behave in public.*

After modal verbs, we use the passive infinitive without *to*:

*Some adults believe that children **should be seen** and not **heard**.*
*You **will be paid** on the last Friday of each month.*

2 Correct the mistake below.



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3 Correct the mistakes in the following sentences. You do not need to change the tense.

- 1 The house was sell for over one million dollars.
- 2 The class has allowed to eat in the staff dining room during the renovations.
- 3 The potatoes carry along a conveyor belt to a room where they wash and peel.
- 4 The teacher told to take her class out of the school if the fire bell rang.
- 5 Smoking do not allow in any part of the aeroplane.
- 6 The museum was being renovating when we were there, so we could not visit it.
- 7 Bus tickets can buy at any newsagents.
- 8 New employees have instructed not to operate the photocopier until they are trained.