

Passive Voice – Present Simple

We use the **passive voice** to talk about **facts, rules, traditions, and general information**, especially when talking about places like countries or cities.

FORM: *Subject + am / is / are + past participle*

Examples:

- English **is spoken** in many countries.
- Coffee **is grown** in Colombia.
- The euro **is used** in Spain.

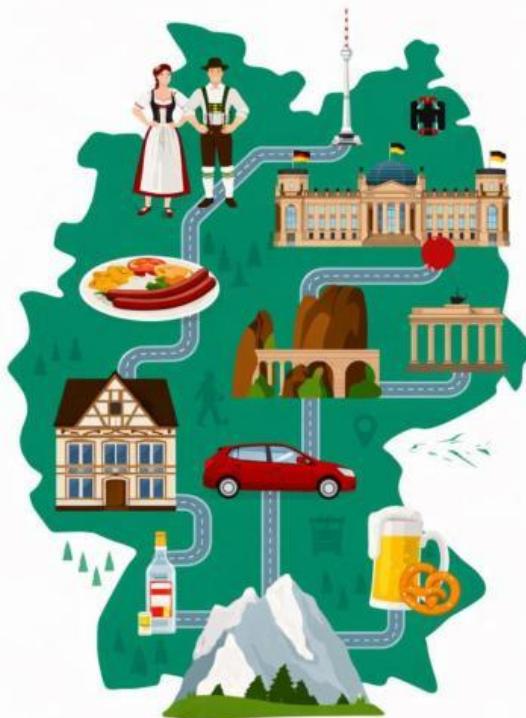
ACTIVE vs PASSIVE:

People **speak Spanish** in Mexico → **Spanish is spoken** in Mexico.

They **grow coffee** in Brazil → **Coffee is grown** in Brazil.

COMMON PAST PARTICIPLES

Spoken
Grown
Produced
Made
Exported
Imported
Eaten
Drunk
Celebrated
Followed
Built
Known
Called
Found
Visited
Allowed
Prohibited
Located
Protected
used



Germany

Germany is a country in Europe. German **is spoken** by most people. The euro **is used** as the official currency. Cars and machines **are produced** in Germany. Bread and sausages **are eaten** in many regions. Oktoberfest **is celebrated** every year. Many castles **are visited** by tourists.

Exercise 1 – Complete the sentences

1. English _____ (speak) in Australia.
2. Coffee _____ (grow) in Colombia.
3. The euro _____ (use) in France.
4. Sushi _____ (eat) in Japan.
5. Bananas _____ (export) from Ecuador.

Exercise 2 – Choose the correct option

1. Spanish (is / are) spoken in Argentina.
2. Tacos (is / are) eaten in Mexico.
3. Wine (is / are) produced in Chile.
4. Rice (is / are) grown in Asia.



Exercise 3 – Change to passive

1. People speak Portuguese in Brazil. _____
2. They grow tea in China. _____
3. People celebrate Carnival in Colombia. _____

Exercise 4 – write a description of your country using the passive voice in present simple:
