Passive Voice

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

Examples

Meals **are** prepar**ed** daily.

The theatre **was** destroy**ed** by a bomb.

- We use the Passive when we want to give more importance to the action and its object than to the agent of the action.

Example

The letters were delivered late.

- The subject of the Active verb (the agent) is preceded by the preposition by in the Passive.

Example

The Normans conquered Britain in 1066. (**Active**)

Britain was conquered **by** the Normans in 1066. (**Passive**)

1. Complete the sentences using the **Present Simple** of the **Passive**.

Honey _____ (**make**) by bees.

Many species _____(**kill**) for commercial reasons.

The cows on this farm _____(**not feed**) twice a day.

Meat from exotic animals _____ (**serve**) in many restaurants now

2. Complete the sentences with the **Past Simple** of the **Passive**.

An important book on exotic animals _____(**publish**) last week.

The tower of London_____(**not use**) as an hospital.

A lot of animals _____ (**collect**) by the zoologist.

The film "Dinosaurs" _____ (**produce**) by Disney.

3. Turn the sentences into **Passive** using the steps we have learnt.

1. Fred and Sue clean all of the classrooms.

All of the classrooms _____ Fred and Sue.

2. Daniel organized the class party this year.

The class party _____ Daniel this year.

3. Some of the children decorated the classroom.

The classroom _____ by some of the children.

4. The head teacher signed the students' reports.

The students' reports _____ the head teacher.

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