

THE PASSIVE

We use it when we don't want to mention the subject or when the subject is not important ~~by time/by people~~ → it's incorrect

STRUCTURE

- Affirmative or negative → Object + to be + verb 3rd + subject
in the correct form → to un tiempo está
- Questions → Wh + be → subject + verb...
 Wh + aux. + subject + be...

Siempre son una palabra más que en la afirm.

Solo una palabra en medio

TENSE	ACTIVE VOICE	PASSIVE VOICE
Present simple	I make a cake	A cake is made
Present continuous	I am making a cake	A cake is being made
Past simple	I made a cake	A cake was made
Past continuous	I was making a cake	A cake was being made
Present perfect	I have made a cake	A cake had been made
Past perfect	I had made a cake	A cake had been made
Future simple	I will make a cake	A cake will be made
Modal	I must make a cake	A cake must be made
Modal perfect	I should have made a cake	A cake should have been made

If we want to put a complement at the beginning we have to put a **comma** → A hundred years ago, a cake was made

The sun gives plants energy.

Option 1: Plants are given energy by the sun

Option 2: Energy is given to the plants by the sun

The Museum Investigation

Last Saturday morning, an unusual situation was discovered at the City Art Museum, one of the most visited places in the area. A valuable painting, which had been exhibited in the main gallery for more than fifty years, was reported missing by a member of the staff shortly after the building was opened to the public.

The painting had last been seen the previous evening, when the museum had been closed and all security procedures had been carefully followed. According to the night guard, every room had been checked and all doors had been locked before he left the building. However, when the gallery was inspected the next morning, the painting was no longer there.

An investigation was immediately started, and several possible explanations were considered. The security system was examined by experts, and it was discovered that one of the alarms had been disabled during the night. It is not yet known how this was done, as the system is usually controlled automatically.

In addition, it was reported that a window near the back of the building had been left slightly open. Although this detail has not been confirmed as relevant, it is currently being analysed by the police. No fingerprints have been found so far, and no suspects have been identified.

At present, the painting has not been recovered, and the case is still being investigated. It is believed that the crime may have been planned in advance, but no official conclusions have been announced yet.

1. Answer the questions

- What happened?

- When was it discovered?

- What clues are mentioned?

- Why are the criminals not mentioned?

2. Find:

- 2 examples of past passive
- 2 examples of past perfect passive
- 1 example of present continuous passive

3. Extract examples from the text:

- was discovered

- had been exhibited

- is being analysed

4. Rewrite these sentences using the passive voice

- Someone disabled the alarm

- The police are analysing the evidence

- People had seen the painting