

How is bubble gum made – Passive Voice

1. Watch a video about bubble gum production and put the sentences below in the correct order.

- The machine squeezes the mixture to create thin strips of gum.
- They blend the ingredients for about 20 minutes to put everything together.
- A machine cuts and wraps the bubble gum.
- A machine weighs and packs the bubble gum into boxes which are sealed to keep it fresh.
- A gum base is poured into a mixer and color and flavoring is added.
- They pour glucose syrup into the mixture.
- The gum goes to a cooling chamber for 15 minutes.
- They transfer the mixture to another machine.
- Another machine squeezes the mixture to the size of bubble gum.
- The mixture is ready when it looks like a bread dough.

2. Look at the following Grammar Table and choose the right answers in brackets [...].

	ACTIVE VOICE	PASSIVE VOICE
Affirmative	Somebody pours gum base into a mixer.	Gum base is poured into a mixer.
Negative	They don't use natural ingredients for bubble gums.	Natural ingredients aren't used for bubble gum.
Question	How do they produce bubble gum?	How is bubble gum produced?
Active form	Subject + Verb + Object Somebody pours gum base ...	
Passive form	[Subject/object] of an active sentence + IS/ARE/AM + [infinitive/past participle - 3rd form] + the rest of the sentence	
Using Passive	It [is/isn't] important to say who performs an action in a passive sentence. If you want to add an agent to the sentence you use "by + doer", e.g. "products are transferred by car".	

3. Transform the sentences describing bubble gum production into passive voice sentences.

Example:

They pour a gum base into a mixer and add color and flavoring.

A gum base **is poured** into a mixer and color and flavoring **are added**.

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The ingredients.....for about 20 minutes to put everything together.
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The mixture.....to another machine.
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4. Choose 2 of the processes listed below and describe each process using passive voice. The linking phrases below will help you.

First,...

Next,...

Then,...

After that,...

Finally,...

- sending an e-mail
- withdrawing money from an ATM
- running a team meeting
- preparing a meal
- making a cup of coffee
- doing online shopping
- updating system
- responding to emergency
- resolving problems/issues
- applying for a bank loan