

Passive voice practice 4 – Od as passive S

a) Study these RULES to transform active sentences into passive ones:

1. Find the direct object (Od) of the active sentence. It is after the subject (S) and the verb (V). Write it first (it will be the S).	S + V + O Cain killed Abel. Abel was killed by Cain.
2. If there is one or more auxiliaries , copy them. If there is an adverb between an auxiliary and the main verb, copy it.	(Aux) + (adv.) + (Aux) + V (Aux) + (adv.) + (Aux) + BE + V-en The police have just arrested him. He have just ... He has just ...
3. Check whether you need to add or take out the -s in the first auxiliary (the S is now different).	He have just ... He has just ...
4. Replace the main verb (V) with BE, in the same form: infinitive (be), present (am, is, are), past (was, were), past participle (been) or gerund (being).	The police have just arrested him. He has just been...
5. Add the past participle (V-en = taken, broken, eaten, bought, closed...) of the main verb (V).	The police have just arrested him. He has just been arrested...

6. Add the rest of the sentence. If the agent (Ag), which is the original S, is important, add it after “by”. If it is not important, (by people, by someone, by them, by us, by you...), omit it.	... + (by + Ag) He has just been arrested. (“by” the police” is obvious).
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b) Transform these sentences into the passive voice:

1. The last time they beat the world record was last year.

The last time the world record _____ was last year.

2. The goalkeeper caught the ball.

The ball _____ by the goalkeeper.

3. The tallest man was driving the getaway car.

The getaway car _____ by the tallest man.

4. I can't go on fishing: the fish have eaten all the bait.

I can't go on fishing: all the bait _____ .

5. We will probably find the missing book soon.

The missing book _____ soon.

6. We shouldn't forget people in poor countries.

People in poor countries _____ .

7. God will forgive all your sins if you repent sincerely.

All your sins _____ if you repent sincerely.

8. The children haven't laid the table yet.

The table _____ yet.

9. They gave the ambassador a musical instrument as a farewell gift.

A musical instrument _____ the ambassador as a
farewell gift.

10. Glue is now holding the two pieces together.

The two pieces _____ together by glue.

11. The batter hit the ball so hard that it flew out of the baseball stadium.

The ball _____ so hard that it flew out of the baseball stadium.

12. The people who are sick have to drink this medicine three times a day.

This medicine _____ three times a day.

13. Children often fly kites in India when it's windy.

Kites _____ in India when it's windy.

14. You can't grow orange trees in cold climates.

Orange trees _____ in cold climates.

15. He hurt her feelings when he ignored her greeting.

His feelings _____ when her greeting _____ .