

Active voice

Tells us what a **person or thing does**.
The subject performs the action (verb) on the object.

Subject + verb + object

Example:

- Anna painted the house.
- The teacher always answers the students' questions.
- Ali posted the video online.

Passive voice

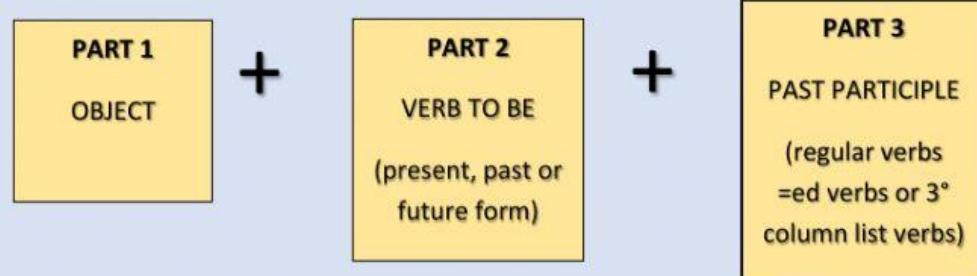
Tells us what is **done to someone or something**.
The subject is being acted upon.

Object + verb + subject

Example:

- The house was painted by Anna.
- The students' questions are answered by the teacher.
- The video was posted online by Ali.

The Passive Voice structure has three parts:



Active Voice

Subject Action Object
Sally drove her car off of the road.

Subject Action Object
The dog bit Timmy on the arm.

Passive Voice

Object Action Subject
The car was driven off the road by Sally.

Object Action Subject
Timmy was bitten on the arm by the dog.

MORE EXAMPLES

We form the passive with the verb *be* + the past participle.

| Tense | Passive form |
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| present simple | Tyres are made of rubber. |
| present continuous | A new school is being built. |
| past simple | The CD was invented in 1982. |
| past continuous | I felt that I was being watched. |
| present perfect | My watch has been stolen. |
| past perfect | The money had been lost earlier. |
| future with <i>will</i> | The exam results will be announced tomorrow. |

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