

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**.

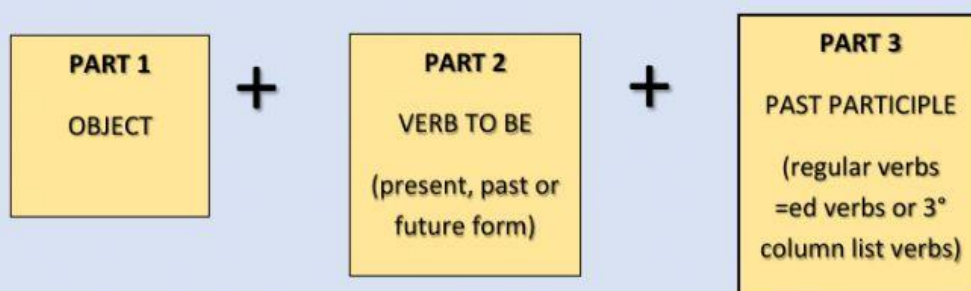
The subject is being acted upon.

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	Passive Voice
<p>Subject Action Object</p> <p>Sally drove her car off of the road.</p>	<p>Object Action Subject</p> <p>The car was driven off the road by Sally.</p>
<p>Subject Action Object</p> <p>The dog bit Timmy on the arm.</p>	<p>Object Action Subject</p> <p>Timmy was bitten on the arm by the dog.</p>

MORE EXAMPLES

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

Tense	Passive form
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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