

THE PASSIVE VOICE

How the passive is formed:

SUBJECT	FORM OF TO BE + 3 rd FORM	ADVERB, ...
The room	is cleaned	every day.
They	are sold	as pets.
A lot of guests	are invited	to a party.

Put an active sentence into a passive one:

	Subject	Verb	Object	
Active:	Bats	eat	insects.	
Passive:	Insects	are eaten	by	bats.
	Subject	Verb	by	Agent
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Active:	Tom	saw	the burglars	
Passive:	The burglars	were seen	by	Tom
	Subject	Verb	by	Agent

Subject of the active sentence → **Agent** of the passive sentence

Object of the active sentence → **Subject** of the passive sentence

Tenses:

Tense	Active	Passive (form of to be + 3 rd form)
Present tense	invite / see	am / is / are invited / seen
Past tense	invited / saw	was / were invited / seen
Future tense	will invite / see	will be invited / seen
Present perfect tense	have / has invited / seen	have / has been invited / seen
Past perfect tense	had invited / seen	had been invited / seen

PASSIVE VOICE 1

Fill in the passive form of the verbs in brackets. Use the present simple.

1. This computer _____ in the USA. (make)
2. Her dog _____ Rover. (call)
3. Lots of new cars _____ by train. (transport)
4. Our neighbours' house _____ every year. (paint)
5. Jim _____ well by the new company owners. (not pay)
6. Today many insects _____ by poison. (kill)
7. Baby seals _____ on dangerous beaches. (bear)
8. English _____ in many parts of the world. (speak)
9. This theme park _____ very often on weekdays. (not visit)
10. These watches _____ in Switzerland. (make)
11. This helicopter _____ for taking people to hospital. (use)
12. All her toys _____ in a big box. (keep)
13. The buses _____ every week. (clean)
14. The post _____ twice a day. (collect)
15. Foreign vegetables _____ on this market. (not sell)
16. Whales _____ in order to make cosmetics. (hunt)
17. Excellent tea _____ by India and Sri Lanka. (export)
18. The corridors _____ on weekends. (not clean)
19. Every year a big Christmas tree _____ up in our town. (put)
20. The tennis court next to our house _____ very often. (not use)