

# THE PASSIVE VOICE

How the passive is formed:

SUBJECT	FORM OF TO BE + 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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
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 <sup>rd</sup> 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)