

## Grammar 2: PASSIVE VOICE

### REMEMBER

#### **PRESENT SIMPLE TENSE**

The active voice is used when the subject of the sentence does the action.

Ex: My mom sings that song.

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The passive voice is used when we focus on the object of the sentence.

Ex: That song is sung **by** my mom.

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When it is important to know who does the action, we use **by**. The noun that follows by is called the "**agent**." My mom was the subject in the active sentence, but it becomes the agent in the passive sentence.

Sometimes, when **the agent is unknown, or unimportant to the meaning of the sentence, we do not use by.**

Ex: This sweater is made in China.

We form the passive with **be + past participle** (3rd form of the verb).

In the **present simple**, the passive is: **am / is / are + past participle**

	Subject	Verb	Object
Active	The teachers	help	the new student.
Passive	The new student	<b>is helped</b>	by the teacher.
Active	The teachers	help	the new students.
Passive	The new students	<b>are helped</b>	by the teachers.

## Negative and Questions

	Active	Passive
Affirmative	Ben walks the dog. They make cookies here.	The dog <b>is walked</b> by Ben. Cookies <b>are made</b> here.
Negative	Ben doesn't walk the cat.  They don't make sandwiches here.	The cat <b>isn't walked</b> by Ben. Sandwiches <b>aren't made</b> here.
Question	Does Ben walk the rabbit?  How do they make the cookies?	<b>Is the rabbit walked</b> (by Ben)? <b>How are the cookies made?</b>

## GRAMMAR PRACTICE 1

### I – Complete the sentences in Present Simple Passive.

1. Tower Bridge / situate / on the River Thames

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2. the bridge / paint / red, white and blue

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3. many famous London landmarks / see / from the bridge

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4. the bridge's towers / use / as a museum

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5. Tower Bridge / visit / by more than 380,000 tourists / every year

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6. Tower Bridge / cross / by over 40,000 people / every day

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### II – Complete the sentences in Present Simple Passive.

Six ravens are permanent residents of the Tower of London. Good care 1.

\_\_\_\_\_ (take) of these ravens because they are very important.

According to legend, if the ravens leave the Tower, the kingdom of England will fall.

Some facts:

- The ravens 2. \_\_\_\_\_ (lock) in the Tower every night to protect them from cats and foxes.

- The birds 3. \_\_\_\_\_ (keep) on a special diet. Each bird 4.

\_\_\_\_\_ (give) 170 grams of meat a day. Visitors 5. \_\_\_\_\_

(not allow) to feed the birds.