

# passive or active

The passive is a way of structuring a sentence so that the grammatical subject is the person or thing which experiences the effect of an action, rather than the person or thing which causes the effect:

- The cat was chased by the dog.
- The house will be built shortly.

An active verb or sentence is one in which the subject is the person or thing which performs the stated action:

- The dog chased the cat.
- The builders will build the house shortly.
- Jane Austen wrote this book.

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb

1. Where \_\_\_\_\_ (bread/bake) ?
2. I've just heard that Bob \_\_\_\_\_ (sell) his car, did you know?
3. The police \_\_\_\_\_ (stop) him because he was driving too fast.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ (that jacket/wear) recently?
5. Mary and David \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) their house in 2006.
6. The company \_\_\_\_\_ (create) by two brothers in the early 80s.
7. Can I have details of your laptop which \_\_\_\_\_ (advertise) in your latest catalogue, please?
8. My mother \_\_\_\_\_ (clean) the windows when I arrived.
9. I \_\_\_\_\_ (repair) the car, you can use it now.
10. He \_\_\_\_\_ (delay) because of the traffic at arrived too late for the meeting.
11. The invoices \_\_\_\_\_ (check), so you can send them now.
12. People \_\_\_\_\_ (not/smoke) so much these days.
13. Who \_\_\_\_\_ (invent) the telephone?
14. She \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to Brussels last week for a meeting.
15. A lot of damage \_\_\_\_\_ (cause) by the storm last month.
16. Two men \_\_\_\_\_ (arrest) last night. They are in prison now.
17. Our products \_\_\_\_\_ (sell) all over the world.
18. They \_\_\_\_\_ (bake) the bread every morning.
19. She \_\_\_\_\_ (wear) a beautiful green dress when I saw her.
20. Normally the streets \_\_\_\_\_ (clean) every day.
21. Smoking \_\_\_\_\_ (prohibited) in all bars in France.
22. The car \_\_\_\_\_ (repair) at the moment, but it should be ready tomorrow.