

# PASSIVE VOICE



**TASK A.** Read the following sentences. Decide if the underlined verb is active (A) or passive (P). Follow the example.

...A...The actress received an Oscar.

...P...The actress was given an Oscar.

.....Many movies are made in Hollywood.

.....The actress thanked all the people who helped her win.

.....The actress wore a beautiful gown.

.....Halle Berry has been seen in many movies.

.....Hollywood was built at the beginning of the twentieth century.

.....The director has been nominated many times.

.....Hollywood has become the movie capital of the U.S.

.....Old movies were filmed in black and white.

.....Many actors live in California.

.....Halle Berry presented an Oscar.

.....The names of the winners will be printed in tomorrow's newspaper.

.....The actress was driven to the ceremony in a white limousine.

**TASK B.** Complete the table correctly.

TENSE	ACTIVE	PASSIVE
Simple Present		The winner is chosen by a committee.
	They are presenting an award now.	An award is being presented now.
Simple Past	They announced the winner's name.	
Past Continuous	They were interviewing the winners.	
Future		The best movie will be picked.
	They have chosen the best movie.	The best movie has been chosen.
Modal		The movie can be seen on DVD.

**TASK C.** Complete the questions using the verb in brackets in passive. Then answer the questions.

Where was Coca-Cola invented (invent)?

.....Coca cola was invented in USA.....

1.-When \_\_\_\_\_ America \_\_\_\_\_ (discover)?

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2.-How many Harry Potter's novels have \_\_\_\_\_ (write)?

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3.-What two ingredients candy floss \_\_\_\_\_ (make) of?

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4.-When \_\_\_\_\_ the Eiffel Tower \_\_\_\_\_ (build)?

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5.-Where \_\_\_\_\_ most bananas \_\_\_\_\_ (produce)?

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6.-How many stars and bars \_\_\_\_\_ (represent) in the flag of the USA?

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7.-When \_\_\_\_\_ Halloween \_\_\_\_\_ (celebrate)?

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8.-\_\_\_\_\_ the Channel Islands \_\_\_\_\_ (include) in the "United Kingdom"?

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**TASK D.** Fill in the blanks with the passive voice of the verb in parentheses ( ). Choose an appropriate tense.

Hollywood ....was built...in the early 1900s. (build)

1. A new theater..... near my house at this time. (build)
2. Let's get some popcorn. It's fresh. It .....right now. (make)
3. Movie listings..... in the newspaper. (can/find)
4. Did you see the movie "Harry Potter"? Where.....it..... ? (film)
5. In 1929, only fifteen Oscars..... (present)
6. Sound .....to movies in 1927. (add)
7. Most American movies.....in Hollywood. (make)
8. We can't get into the movie theater because all the tickets..... already. (sell)
9. Hurry! The winners..... in ten minutes. (announce)

**TASK E.** What tense are the following Passive sentences?

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. A song is going to be sung.<br/>a) modal<br/>b) Present progressive<br/>c) future</li><li>2. My car was broken yesterday<br/>a) Simple Past<br/>b) Present Perfect<br/>c) Present Simple</li><li>3. The people have not been warned.<br/>a) Present Perfect<br/>b) Simple Past<br/>c) Past simple</li></ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>4. The tiger would be kept in the zoo.<br/>a) Future<br/>b) Present Progressive<br/>c) Modal</li><li>5. I am being watched<br/>a) Present Progressive<br/>b) Will-Future<br/>c) Going to-Future</li><li>6. The president will be elected.<br/>a) Present perfect<br/>b) Future<br/>c) Simple Present</li></ol> |
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**TASK F.** Change the sentences into passive voice.

Jane is singing a new song.

...A new song is being sung by Jane...

1. The storm destroyed the house.  
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2. Ben will direct the show.  
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3. The dog has broken the window pane.  
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4. You must pay the bill first.  
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5. They were interviewing her for the job.  
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6. The professor told him not to talk in class.  
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**TASK G.** Change the sentences into active voice.

The apples are being washed by him

...He is washing the apples...

1. The book was written by Alex.  
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2. Coffee is sold by Danny.  
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3. Google was founded by two men.  
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4. Soccer is being played by the children.  
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5. The best movie is going to be picked.  
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6. The dinner has been cooked.  
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