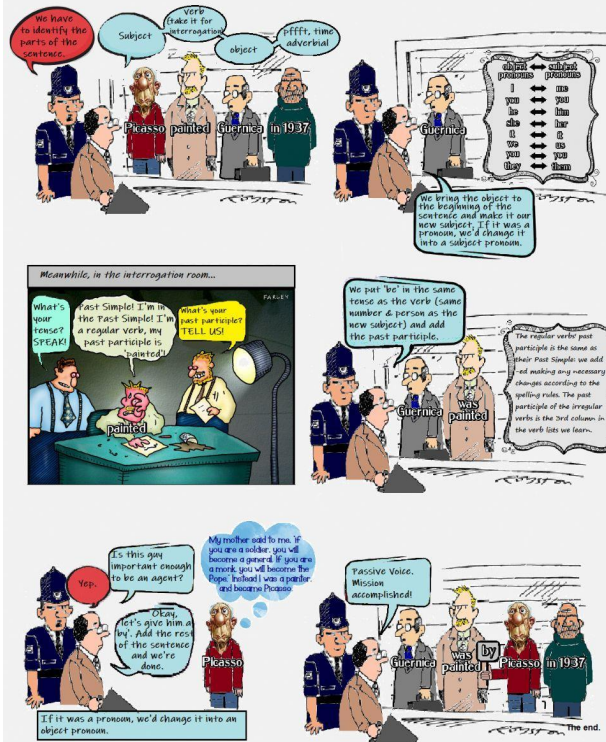


# The Passive Voice

## BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE PASSIVE VOICE HEADQUARTERS



### Now let's practise!

1a. Write the verb 'to be' in the following tenses and complete the examples with the correct form:

|                           |       |          |                  |
|---------------------------|-------|----------|------------------|
| * Present Simple:         | / /   | The note | written by Jack. |
| * Present Continuous:     | / / + | The note | written by Jack. |
| * Present Perfect Simple: | / +   | The note | written by Jack. |
| * Past Simple:            | /     | The note | written by Jack. |
| * Past Continuous:        | / +   | The note | written by Jack. |
| * Past Perfect Simple:    |       | The note | written by Jack. |
| * Future Simple:          |       | The note | written by Jack. |
| * Future Perfect Simple:  |       | The note | written by Jack. |

1b. Below is the passive of various verb forms. Use them to complete the examples:

|                                                          |          |                         |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------|-------------------------|
| * be going to: am/is/are going to be (+p.p.)             | The note | written by Jack.        |
| * modal + present infinitive: modal + be (+p.p.)         | The note | written by Jack (may)   |
| * modal + perfect infinitive: modal + have been (+ p.p.) | The note | written by Jack (might) |
| * present -ing form: being (+p.p.)                       | I hate   | written notes by Jack.  |

II. Put the words in the right order to make passive voice sentences

- by was this made my grandfather table
- be tomorrow your package delivered will
- of been the had because the party cancelled rain
- sister taken that was my by photograph
- been classroom has left a the in book
- was the police being case by the investigated
- castle built was the 1629 in
- directed Fincher was by Club David Fight
- by is this people of newspaper read millions
- Japan made cars those are in

III. Change the pronouns

(from subject to object and vice versa)

- \* \_\_\_\_\_ (me) was attacked by \_\_\_\_\_ (they).
- \* \_\_\_\_\_ (him) is approved by \_\_\_\_\_ (we).
- \* \_\_\_\_\_ (her) will be given a ride by \_\_\_\_\_ (I).
- \* \_\_\_\_\_ (you) were recognised by \_\_\_\_\_ (he).
- \* \_\_\_\_\_ (it) was signed by \_\_\_\_\_ (she).
- \* \_\_\_\_\_ (us) will be styled by \_\_\_\_\_ (you).
- \* \_\_\_\_\_ (them) have been puzzled by \_\_\_\_\_ (it).

IV. Rewrite the sentences in the affirmative (✓), interrogative (?) or negative (X), as applicable:

- AFF: The rumour was started by Ethan.
- INT: \_\_\_\_\_
- NEG: \_\_\_\_\_
- AFF: \_\_\_\_\_
- INT: Has the judge been kidnapped by terrorists?
- NEG: \_\_\_\_\_
- AFF: \_\_\_\_\_
- INT: \_\_\_\_\_
- NEG: These shoes aren't made in China.

V. Transform the sentences from active to passive voice (include the agent only when necessary)

- o Metallica wrote *Master of Puppets*.
- o Poirot will solve the murder case.
- o They will not have transported the statue to the museum by midnight.
- o A fisherman had saved the dolphin.
- o They guard the secret recipe for Coca-Cola well.
- o Help! A bull is chasing me!
- o Your silliness does not amuse us.
- o All the students take this test.
- o The manager did not give him a raise.
- o Will someone have upgraded my phone by tomorrow?
- o Had they given him a backstage pass to the concert?

VI. Transform the sentences from passive to active voice

- \* Alcohol had been made illegal in the USA in the 1920s.
- \* *Starry Night* was painted by Van Gogh.
- \* Will the kitten be adopted by Nick and Angie?
- \* My homework was eaten by the dog!
- \* Has the house been sold by the agency?
- \* The fire wasn't started by us.
- \* Your house isn't being haunted by a ghost.
- \* Will dinner be served on time?
- \* I am impressed by your test scores.
- \* Was the baby bitten by a mosquito?