

passive voice

ACTIVE VOICE

PASSIVE VOICE

| SUBJECT | VERB | OBJECT | SUBJECT | VERB | COMPLEMENT |
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| Bill | cooks | great cakes | Great cakes | are cooked | by Bill |
| Subject (action) | Verb | Object (no action) | Subject (no action) | BE + P.P. | BY + agent (action) |

When the Subject actually DOES the action, the sentence is in the ACTIVE VOICE

When the Subject DOESN'T DO the action, the sentence is in the PASSIVE VOICE

Active Voice : VERB

Passive Voice : BE + Past Participle of the Verb

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MIND THE TENSES WHEN YOU TURN A SENTENCE INTO THE PASSIVE VOICE

| ACTIVE VOICE | PASSIVE VOICE |
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| Our students create funny stories | Funny stories are created by our students |
| Verb in the present simple | am/is/ are + past participle |
| Our students created funny stories | Funny stories were created by our students |
| Verb in the past simple | was/ were + past participle |
| Our students have created funny stories | Funny stories have been created by our students |
| Verb in the present perfect | have (has) been + past participle |
| Our students had created funny stories | Funny stories had been created by our students |
| Verb in the past perfect | had been + past participle |
| Our students will create funny stories | Funny stories will be created by our students |
| Will + verb | will be + past participle |

MIND THE IRREGULAR VERB FORMS WHEN YOU TURN A SENTENCE INTO THE PASSIVE VOICE

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| Our students write great stories | Great stories are written by our students . |