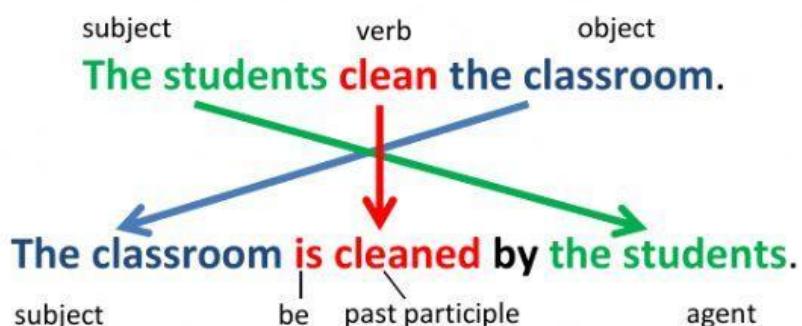


# THE PASSIVE VOICE



## Forms of TO BE:

### 1) Present simple: IS/ARE

Bees **produce** honey. – Honey **is produced** by bees.

Ants **make** anthills. – Anthills **are made** by ants.

### 2) Present continuous: IS BEING/ARE BEING

We **are fulfilling** the task. – The task **is being fulfilled**.

They **are exploring** new areas. – New areas **are being explored**.

### 3) Past simple: WAS/WERE

Someone **broke** the window yesterday. – The window **was broken** yesterday.

Someone **unleashed** the dogs. – The dogs **were unleashed**.

### 4) Past continuous: WAS BEING/WERE BEING

They **were praising** the girl. – The girl **was being praised**.

They **were taking** pictures. – Pictures **were being taken**.

### 5) Present perfect: HAS BEEN/HAVE BEEN

Someone **has made** a hole in the fence. – A hole **has been made** in the fence.

They **have explored** new areas. – New areas **have been explored**.

### 6) Future simple: WILL BE

They **will laugh** at me again. – I **will be laughed at** again.

They **will humiliate** you again. – You **will be humiliated** again.

## 7) Modal verbs: MODAL VERB + BE

Anyone **can polish** this surface easily. – This surface **can be polished** easily.

We **must punish** crime. – Crime **must be punished**.

They **would explore** new areas. – New areas **would be explored**.

They **should explore** new areas. – New areas **should be explored**.

We **may make** mistakes. – Mistakes **may be made**.

They **might tell** the truth. – The truth **might be told**.

### A. Decide if the sentence belongs to Active Sentence or Passive Sentence

1. Thousand people attend the festival. \_\_\_\_\_
2. The house is cleaned once a week. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Tim is typing the letter now. \_\_\_\_\_
4. She has not opened the bottle of Californian wine yet. \_\_\_\_\_
5. The bilingual students were never tested. \_\_\_\_\_
6. The stray dogs are fed every night. \_\_\_\_\_
7. They did not give us the ticket at the shop. \_\_\_\_\_
8. People believed that the prisoner had escaped by climbing over the wall. \_\_\_\_\_
9. The wonderful flowers are grown by Michael in his garden. \_\_\_\_\_
10. The latest trends in technology are always followed by young people. \_\_\_\_\_

### B. Choose the correct option to complete the passive sentences:

1. The dragon has scorched the village with his fiery breath.

The village \_\_\_\_\_ by the dragon's fiery breath.

2. Europe produces a lot of cars.

A lot of cars \_\_\_\_\_ in Europe.

3. Someone has stolen my apples!

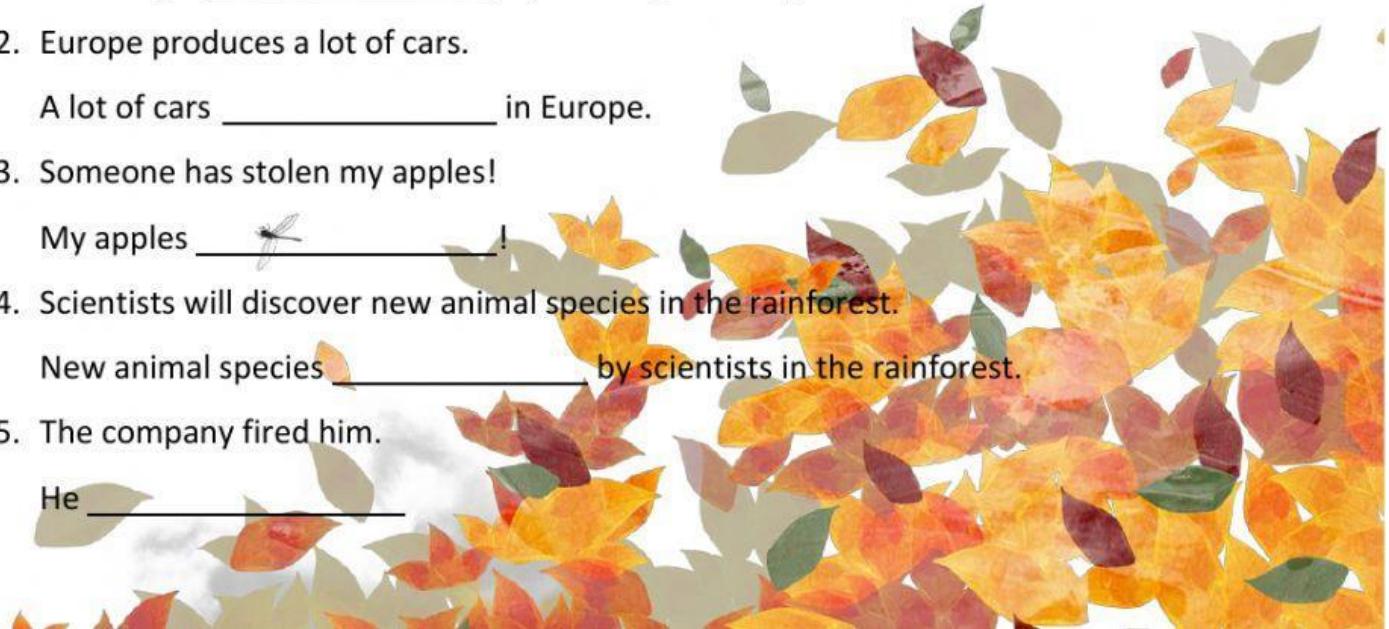
My apples \_\_\_\_\_!

4. Scientists will discover new animal species in the rainforest.

New animal species \_\_\_\_\_ by scientists in the rainforest.

5. The company fired him.

He \_\_\_\_\_



6. They developed this technology in the Czech Republic.

This technology \_\_\_\_\_ in the Czech Republic.

7. Soon, the goblins populated the forest.

Soon, the forest \_\_\_\_\_ by the goblins.

8. People should protect this area.

This area \_\_\_\_\_

9. We must attain our goal.

Our goal \_\_\_\_\_

10. Thousands of people are watching the match.

The match \_\_\_\_\_ by thousands of people.

