

9 How do I make a verb passive?

1 Tick the correct sentence in each pair.

- 1 a My home is located in the western part of the city.
b My home locates in the western part of the city.
- 2 a These funds can be give to the poorer people to help them.
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The passive is formed with the verb *to be* + the past participle of the verb:

Nowadays, a great deal of money is spent on advertising.

The verb *to be* should be changed into the correct tense:

Tense	Passive
present simple	<i>is spent</i>
present continuous	<i>is being spent</i>
simple past	<i>was spent</i>
past continuous	<i>was being spent</i>
present perfect	<i>has been spent</i>
past perfect	<i>had been spent</i>

To make the negative, we put *not* between the verb *to be* and the past participle:

We were not told that the rules had changed.

The passive can also be used in the infinitive form:

Children need to be taught the correct way to behave in public.

After modal verbs, we use the passive infinitive without *to*:

Some adults believe that children should be seen and not heard.

You will be paid on the last Friday of each month.

2 Correct the mistake below.



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3 Correct the mistakes in the following sentences. You do not need to change the tense.

- 1 The house was sell for over one million dollars.
- 2 The class has allowed to eat in the staff dining room during the renovations.
- 3 The potatoes carry along a conveyor belt to a room where they wash and peel.
- 4 The teacher told to take her class out of the school if the fire bell rang.
- 5 Smoking do not allow in any part of the aeroplane.
- 6 The museum was being renovating when we were there, so we could not visit it.
- 7 Bus tickets can buy at any newsagents.
- 8 New employees have instructed not to operate the photocopier until they are trained.