

FROM ACTIVE TO PASSIVE

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Form: to be + past participle of the main verb

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| | S | V | O | |
| Active | | | | <i>Van Gogh</i> painted <i>Sunflowers</i> . |
| | S | V | agent | |
| Passive | | | | <i>Sunflowers</i> was painted <i>by Van Gogh</i> . |

- We use the **passive** when we don't know who did the action, the action is more important than the person doing it or when we don't want to say who/what is to blame.

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7 Complete the sentences with the passive form of the verbs in brackets. CHECK ...

- 1 Graffiti (consider) to be offensive by some people. ...
- 2 The new art gallery (open) next week. ...
- 3 Two car thieves (catch) red-handed by the police yesterday. ...
- 4 Many houses on my street (fit) with a burglar alarm. ...
- 5 *The Mona Lisa* (steal) from the Louvre in 1911. ...
- 6 The streets of the city (cover) with litter. ...

8 Rewrite the facts in the passive. CHECK

Andy Warhol (1928-1987)

Did you know ... ?

1 People consider him to be the father of pop art.

He is considered to be the father of pop art.

2 He often used bright colours in his paintings.

in his paintings. ...

3 He made 300 films.

. ...

4 An actress shot and nearly killed him in 1968.

in 1968. ...

5 The Andy Warhol Museum in Pittsburgh, USA, exhibits his images today.

in the Andy Warhol Museum in Pittsburgh, USA.

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Grammar

3 ★ Complete the sentences with the passive form of the verbs in the brackets. CHECK

1 This garden (plant) by guerrilla gardeners last year. ...

2 Janet's paintings (exhibit) right now at the art gallery on Connor Street. ...

3 Antonio (award) first prize in the art competition last month. ...

4 His drawings (love) by people of all ages. ...

5 The new sculpture gallery (complete) next week. ...

6 Two young men (arrest) by police for spray painting a bridge this morning. ...

4 ★ Complete the sentences with the passive form of the verbs in the brackets. CHECK



Right now in cities around the world ordinary streets and pavements 1) ...

(transform) into fantastical scenes such as sharks bursting from the cement or giant cracks splitting the earth apart. These are the creations of 3D street artists. The 3-dimensional effects of these images are so realistic that viewers feel like they 2) ... (transport) inside the scene. These

amazing scenes 3) ... (draw) first with chalk and then they

4) ... (paint) with acrylic paint. 3D street artists, such as Edgar Mueller, work many days to create his temporary artworks. Mueller's work 'Shark Attack' 5) ...

(create) on a street in Hong Kong. Viewers 6) ... (amaze) by the image's

realistic effect and often avoided stepping on it. Sometimes Mueller 7) ... (inspire) suddenly and will just start creating a scene in a street. You just never know when the next street

8) ... (cover) with a scene from Mueller's imagination!