

## FCE – Passive Voice

We use the Passive Voice when we want to focus on the object or person **experiencing** an action, instead of who or what does it.

We also use it when we don't know who performed the action, when it's obvious or not important.

**Active Voice:** subject + verb + direct object

**Passive Voice:** direct object + to be (in the active voice tense) + 3<sup>rd</sup> form of the verb + (by subject)

| Active Voice  | Passive Voice  |
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| People <b>speak</b> English all over the world. ( <i>Present Simple</i> )                                       | English _____ all over the world.                                    |
| The President <b>is giving</b> an official statement at the moment. ( <i>Present Continuous</i> )               | An official statement _____ by the President at the moment.          |
| A mosquito <b>bit</b> her last week. ( <i>Past Simple</i> )   | She _____ by a mosquito last week.                                   |
| When I entered the room, they <b>were serving</b> breakfast. ( <i>Past Continuous</i> )                         | Breakfast _____ when I entered the room.                             |
| The moving company <b>has packed</b> all our belongings and we're good to go! ( <i>Present Perfect Simple</i> ) | All our belongings _____ by the moving company and we're good to go! |
| They <b>had</b> already <b>placed</b> the food order by the time I arrived. ( <i>Past Perfect Simple</i> )      | The food order _____ already _____ by the time I arrived.            |
| We <b>will finish</b> the project soon. ( <i>Future Simple</i> )  | The project _____ soon.  |
| People <b>can hear</b> this noise from the top floor of the building. (Modal Verbs)                             | The noise _____ from the top floor of the building.                  |