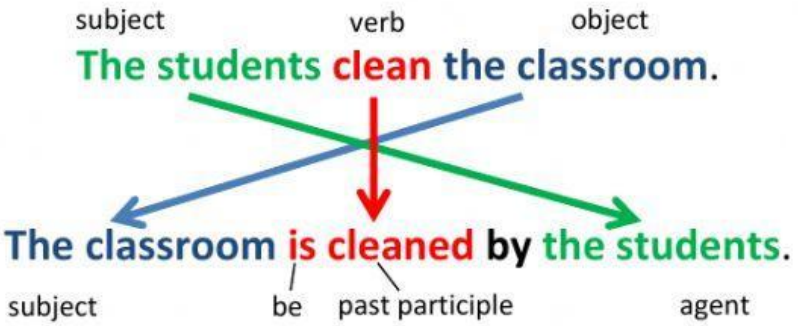
THE PASSIVE VOICE



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 unleased**.

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.

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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**.

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 ..... in the rainforest.

5) If the dam broke, the water would flood the town.

   If the dam broke, the town ..... .

6) The company fired him.

   He ..... .

7) They developed this technology in the Czech Republic.

   This technology ..... in the Czech Republic.

8) The company made them redundant.

   They ..... redundant.

9) Soon, the goblins populated the forest.

   Soon, the forest ..... by the goblins.

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9) People feed farm animals insane amounts of crops.

Insane amounts of crops ..... to farm animals.

10) If nothing changes quickly, animal agriculture will soon destroy the planet.

If nothing changes quickly, the planet ..... soon ..... by animal agriculture.

11) Someone forged this sword in fire and ice.

This sword ..... in fire and ice.

12) They are preparing a lot of plant-based sushi for the festival.

A lot of plant-based sushi ..... for the festival.

13) Thousands of people attend the festival.

The festival ..... by thousands of people.

14) People should protect this area.

This area ..... .

15) We must attain our goal.

Our goal ..... .

16) Thousands of people are watching the match.

The match ..... by thousands of people.

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