

# Passive Voice

## MINI REMINDER – Passive Voice

Form:  
→ **to be + past participle (V3)**

| Tense   | Form                       |
|---|----------------------------|
| Present Simple  | am / is / are + V3         |
| Present Continuous  | am / is / are + being + V3 |
| Past Simple   | was / were + V3            |
| Present Perfect   | has / have + been + V3     |
| Future Simple   | will be + V3               |
| Modal verbs (must, can/could, may/might, should, have to) | modal + be + V3            |

We use Passive Voice when:

- the action is more important than the person
- the person is unknown, obvious or not important
- we talk about rules, processes, news, facts

## READING & GRAMMAR DETECTIVE

A new shopping centre was opened in the city last year. At the moment, the building is being decorated for the winter season. Every day, the shops are cleaned before they open. Recently, several new cafés have been added to the centre. All the food is prepared by professional chefs.

Last weekend, a famous singer was invited to perform there. During the concert, photos were being taken by the media. So far, thousands of tickets have been sold online. Next month, a new cinema will be built inside the centre. In the future, special events will be organised for teenagers.

All the rules must be followed by visitors. Mobile phones should be turned off during the performance.

## GRAMMAR DETECTIVE

Present Simple

Present Continuous

Past Simple

Present Perfect

Future Simple

Modal verbs

## CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION

1) The room \_\_\_ right now.  
a) is cleaned  
b) is being cleaned  
c) has been cleaned

2) The message \_\_\_ already \_\_\_.  
a) is / sent  
b) has / sent  
c) has / been sent

3) When we arrived, the cake \_\_\_.  
a) was made  
b) was being made  
c) has been made

4) The results \_\_\_ next Monday.  
a) are announced  
b) will be announced  
c) have been announced

5) This rule \_\_\_ by everyone.  
a) must follow  
b) must be followed  
c) must be following

6) The film \_\_\_ three times already.  
a) is watched  
b) has watched  
c) has been watched



## FILL IN THE GAPS

- The email \_\_\_\_\_ (send) just now.
- The streets \_\_\_\_\_ (clean) every morning.
- At the moment, the house \_\_\_\_\_ (paint).
- The project \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) last week.
- So far, five tests \_\_\_\_\_ (write).
- The rules \_\_\_\_\_ (explain) right now.
- A new app \_\_\_\_\_ (create) next year.
- This book \_\_\_\_\_ (translate) into many languages.
- The room \_\_\_\_\_ (not / clean) yet.
- Phones \_\_\_\_\_ (must / switch off) during the lesson.



## ACTIVE → PASSIVE

- People speak English in many countries.
- Someone is repairing my phone now.
- They have already finished the test.
- They will build a new school here.
- The teacher must explain the rules.
- Someone was cleaning the classroom when I arrived.

- They are going to announce the results tomorrow.
- People have used this website for many years.
- Someone left the door open during the lesson.
- The school should organise more activities for students.