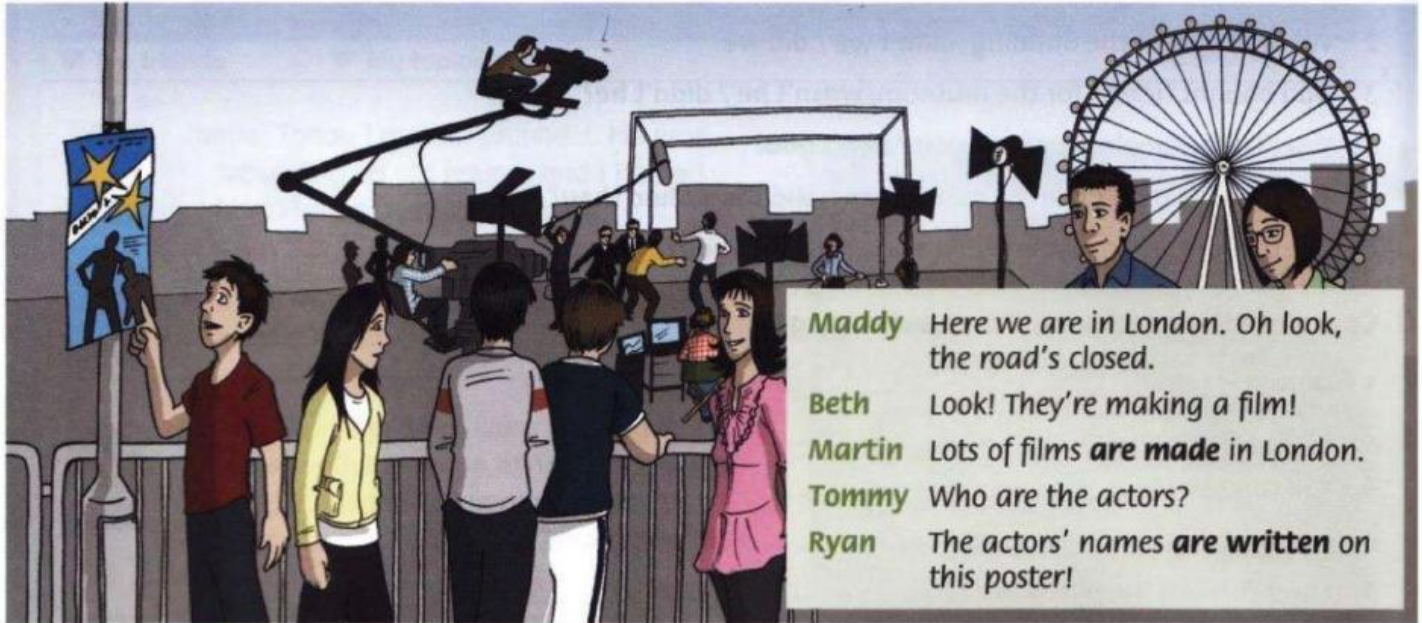




The present simple passive



In English we usually put the thing we want to talk about (the subject) at the beginning of the sentence. We use the passive if we don't know who or what is doing an action or if it isn't important who or what is doing it.

This is an active sentence.

They're making a film!

This is a passive sentence.

*Lots of films **are made** in London.*

We can also use the present simple form of the passive to talk about things which are generally true.

*French **is spoken** here.*

*Our clothes **are made** from more modern material.*

We make the present simple passive with **am/is/are (not) + past participle**.



The past participle for regular verbs is the same as the past simple form. The past participle for irregular verbs is often different from the past simple form. Look at page 96 for a table of irregular verbs.

1 Complete the table with the correct form of the irregular verbs.

Base form	Past simple	Past participle
¹ speak	² spoke	spoken
³	made	⁴
give	⁵	⁶
grow	⁷	⁸
⁹	cut	¹⁰
build	¹¹	¹²
¹³	¹⁴	found

2 Circle the passive verbs.

Five facts about television

- 1 The word 'television' means 'seeing a long way'. Even if pictures are filmed a long way away, we can still see them with a television.
- 2 In the 1920s, the first television images were made by John Logie Baird, a Scottish man.
- 3 Watching television is a popular activity for people all over the world. There are thousands of TV channels in hundreds of countries.
- 4 Over 150 million TVs are bought every year!
- 5 Today, lots of televisions are recycled. Thousands of old television screens are recycled every day to make new television screens.



3 Complete the sentences. Use the present simple passive of the verbs in brackets.

Lots of tea ¹ is drunk (drink) every day in Britain. Do you know how it ² _____ (make)? Tea ³ _____ (grow) all over the world in countries like India, Sri Lanka and Kenya. Then it ⁴ _____ (bring) to factories where it ⁵ _____ (turn) into the tea that ⁶ _____ (sell) in shops. The packets ⁷ _____ (take) to shops where they ⁸ _____ (buy). Hot water, milk and sugar ⁹ _____ (add). And tea ¹⁰ _____ (drink) at any time of day.



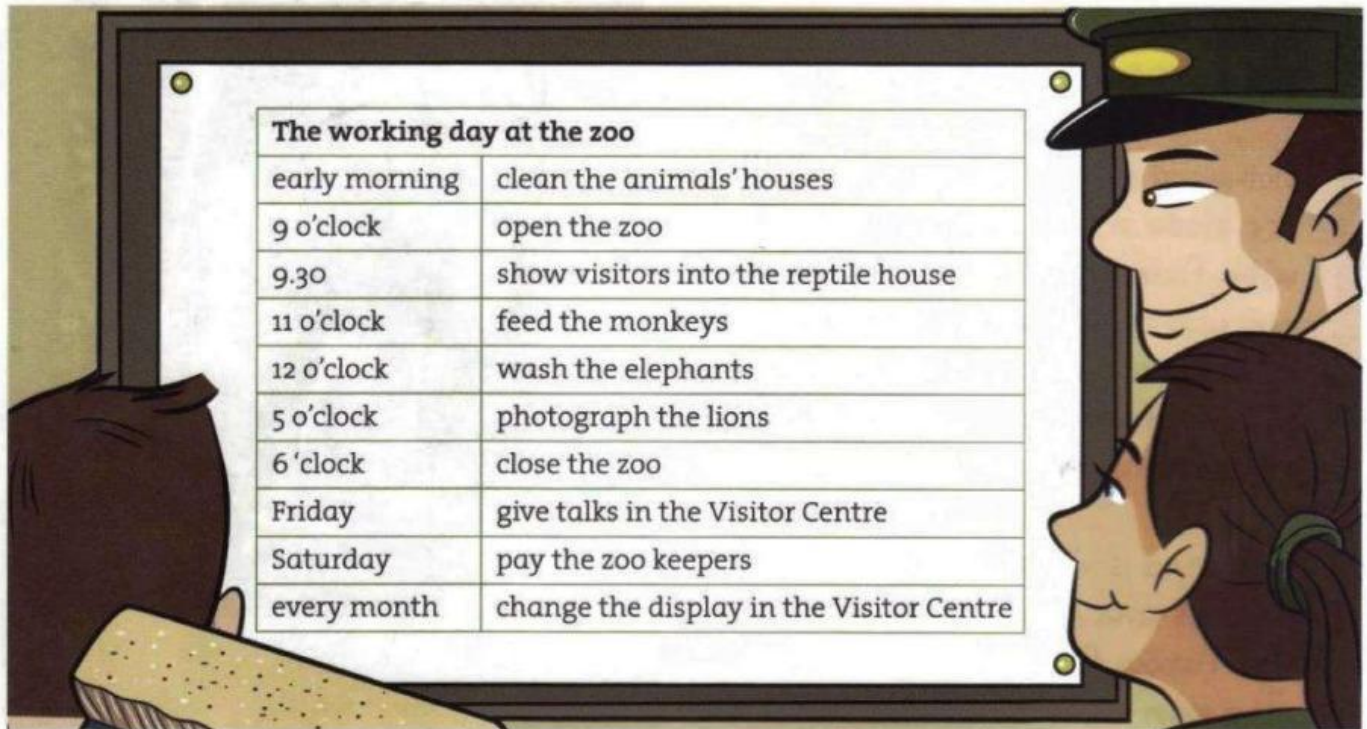
4 Complete the negative passive sentences.

- 1 Straw isn't eaten (not eaten) by children.
- 2 Paper _____ (not make) from plastic.
- 3 Houses _____ (not build) on mountains or beaches.
- 4 In some countries paper _____ (not recycle) yet.
- 5 Tea _____ (not plant) in Northern Europe.
- 6 Football _____ (not play) in museums.
- 7 Lemon _____ (not add) to tea in Britain.
- 8 Tea and coffee _____ (not drink) only at breakfast.

5 Rewrite the sentences using the present simple passive.

- 1 People grow coffee in Brazil.
Coffee is grown in Brazil.
- 2 You find oil in the Middle East.
Oil _____
- 3 They make lots of cars in Germany.
Lots of cars _____
- 4 You see adverts on TV.
Adverts _____
- 5 People speak Spanish in South America.
Spanish _____
- 6 In India, people eat rice.
Rice _____
- 7 People play football all over the world.
Football _____
- 8 Shops sell fizzy drinks everywhere.
Fizzy drinks _____
- 9 They show the news after my favourite TV show.
The news _____
- 10 People send lots of emails every day.
Lots of emails _____

6 Look at the picture. Answer the questions with the present simple passive.



The illustration shows a zookeeper in a uniform and cap, and a young girl with dark hair in a ponytail, both looking at a large board titled 'The working day at the zoo'. The board contains a schedule of activities. The zookeeper is pointing at the board with his right hand.

The working day at the zoo	
early morning	clean the animals' houses
9 o'clock	open the zoo
9.30	show visitors into the reptile house
11 o'clock	feed the monkeys
12 o'clock	wash the elephants
5 o'clock	photograph the lions
6 'clock	close the zoo
Friday	give talks in the Visitor Centre
Saturday	pay the zoo keepers
every month	change the display in the Visitor Centre

- 1 What happens in the early morning?
The animals' houses are cleaned.
- 2 What happens at 9 o'clock?

- 3 What happens at 9.30?

- 4 What happens at 11 o'clock?

- 5 What happens at 12 o'clock?

- 6 What happens at 5 o'clock?

- 7 What happens at 6 o'clock?

- 8 What is different on Fridays?

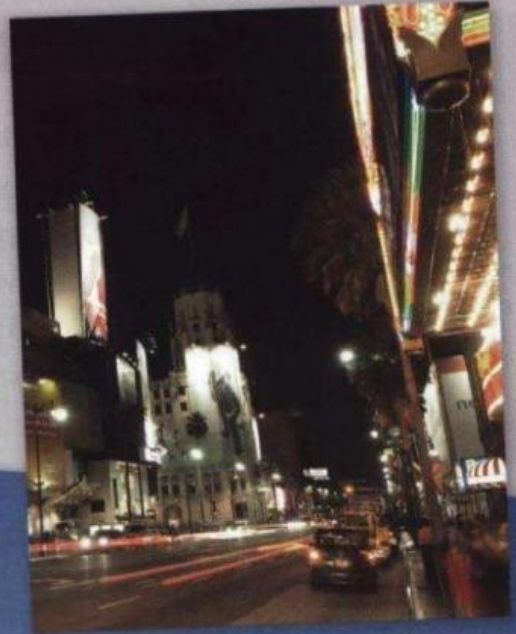
- 9 What is different on Saturdays?

- 10 What happens every month?

Hollywood films

Hollywood is in America. Lots of films are made in Hollywood and it is filled **with** famous people. Lots of actors and actresses live in Hollywood. Their houses are built close to the famous Hollywood sign and decorated **with** old film souvenirs.

Hollywood is visited **by** thousands of tourists every year. They want to see the famous film studios and actors. The main streets are decorated **with** bright lights and every evening shows are put on **by** dancers and musicians. It's an exciting place!



With and by



In passive sentences we can use **by** to say who or what does the action.

*Hollywood is visited **by** thousands of tourists every year.*

*Evening shows are put on **by** dancers and musicians.*

We can use **with** to talk about what is used to do the action.

*Hollywood is filled **with** famous people.*

*The main streets are decorated **with** bright lights.*

7 Complete the sentences. Use **by** or **with**.

- 1 Guitars are played by musicians all over the world.
- 2 Libraries are filled _____ books.
- 3 Tennis is played _____ rackets and a ball.
- 4 The food is brought _____ a waiter.
- 5 Bread is cut _____ a knife.
- 6 Ancient places are found _____ archaeologists.

8 Rewrite the sentences. Use the present simple passive and **by or **with**.**

1 Fishermen catch fish.

Fish are caught by fishermen.

2 You use a racket to play tennis.

Tennis _____

3 You use a lot of vegetables to make a salad.

A salad _____

4 Children drink a lot of milk.

A lot of milk _____

5 The children plant lots of trees.

Lots of trees _____

6 Tourists take a lot of photographs.

A lot of photographs _____

7 Football players wear football boots.

Football boots _____

8 We use flour to make cakes.

Cakes _____

9 Write sentences. Use the present simple passive and **by or **with**.**

1 football matches / watch / thousands of people

Football matches are watched by thousands of people.

2 London / visit / thousands of tourists every year

3 the city / fill / tourist attractions

4 streets / decorate / lights

5 pies / cook / meat and potatoes

6 rugby / play / children and adults

7 vegetables / grow / farmers

8 plays / watch / school children
