

GRAMMAR REFERENCE — Passive Voice

Tense	Formula	Example
Simple Present	am / is / are + past participle	<i>The sauce IS MADE with vinegar.</i>
Simple Past	was / were + past participle	<i>Anna WAS SENT to the festival.</i>
Present Continuous	am / is / are + being + past participle	<i>The battle IS BEING HELD today.</i>
Present Perfect	has / have + been + past participle	<i>The recipe HAS BEEN KEPT secret for years.</i>
Modal	modal + be + past participle	<i>The sauce CAN BE TASTED at the event.</i>

Exercise 1 — Active to Passive — Transformation

Rewrite each sentence in the passive voice. Keep the same tense. Include 'by + agent' where it adds useful information.

1. Chefs prepare the sauce with secret spices.

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2. They are holding the barbecue festival on the National Mall right now.

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3. The news editor sent Anna to cover the event.

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4. People know Texas for its smoked beef brisket.

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5. A famous chef has won this competition three times.

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6. People take barbecue very seriously in the USA.
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7. The judges awarded the prize to the Kansas City team.
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8. We can eat barbecue at any time of year.
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9. Everyone loves the smoky flavor of grilled meat.
→ _____
10. The organizers have canceled the outdoor festival.
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Exercise 2 — Complete with the Correct Passive Form

Write the correct passive form of the verb in brackets. Pay attention to the tense!

1. Every year, the Best Barbecue Award _____ (give) to the winning chef.
2. Right now, thousands of visitors _____ (attract) to the food festival.
3. The recipe _____ (not share) with the public for over 50 years.
4. Barbecue _____ (consider) one of America's most important food traditions.
5. The meat _____ (smoke) over cherry wood, which gives it a sweet flavor.
6. In competitions, all dishes _____ (judge) by a professional panel.
7. Anna _____ (interview) several chefs when the festival started.
8. Several new barbecue styles _____ (create) in recent years.
9. The festival _____ (not hold) last year due to bad weather.
10. Barbecue sauces from different states _____ (sell) in supermarkets all over the country.

