

ACTIVE AND PASSIVE VOICE

Changing from Active into Passive

- The object of the active verb becomes the subject in the new sentence.

	Subject	Verb	Object	(agent)
Active	Picasso	painted	that picture.	
Passive	That picture	was painted		by Picasso.

► Passive verb

Subject + verb + "to be" + Past participle

Antonio **paints** the room every year

The room **is painted** every year

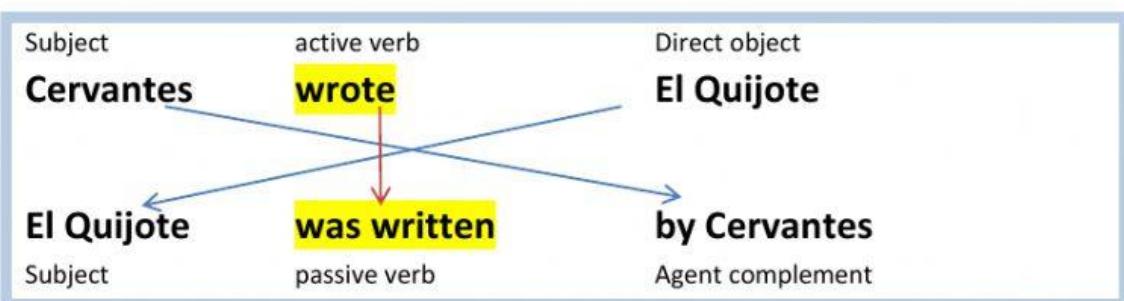
Antonio **painted** the room yesterday

The room **was painted** yesterday

1 Fill in: *is, are, was or were*.

- A short story competition *is* organised by our school every year.
- The electric light bulb *invented* by Thomas Edison in 1879.
- Many films *produced* in Hollywood.
- The Lost City of the Incas *located* in Peru.
- The film *Titanic* *directed* by James Cameron.
- The Special Olympics World Games *held* every four years.
- Guernica* *painted* by Pablo Picasso.
- Toyota cars *made* in Japan.
- Penicillin *discovered* by Alexander Fleming.
- The Harry Potter books *written* by J. K. Rowling.
- The music for the *Phantom of the Opera* *composed* by Andrew Lloyd Webber.
- The Parthenon *visited* by thousands of tourists each year.
- Breakfast *served* from 7:00 am to 11:00 am daily.
- The Coliseum *completed* by the Romans in 80 AD.
- Coffee *grown* in Brazil.

► From active to passive



❖ Millions of people <u>read this magazine.</u>	❖ This magazine <u>is read by millions of people.</u>
❖ Mary <u>translated the article.</u>	❖ The article <u>was translated by Mary.</u>
❖ We <u>will finish this work tomorrow.</u>	❖ This work <u>will be finished tomorrow.</u>

2 How are music videos made? Turn the following sentences into the *present simple passive*.

- 1 The music producer chooses the song for the music video.
The song for the music video is chosen by the music producer.
- 2 A director directs the music video.
- 3 A cameraman shoots the video.
- 4 A singer or band sings the song.
- 5 The music company produces the music video.



3 Put the verbs in brackets into the *past simple passive*.

Two men 1) were seen (see) breaking into a house last night. The police 2) (call) and one man 3) (catch) immediately. The other escaped but he 4) (find) soon after. Both men 5) (take) to the police station where they 6) (question) separately by a police officer. The two men 7) (charge) with burglary.