

Passive voice practice 3 – Od as passive S

a) Study these RULES to transform active sentences into passive ones:

1. Find the direct object (Od) of the active sentence. It is after the subject (S) and the verb (V). Write it first (it will be the S).	S + V + O Cain killed Abel. Abel was killed by Cain.
2. If there is one or more auxiliaries , copy them. If there is an adverb between an auxiliary and the main verb, copy it.	(Aux) + (adv.) + (Aux) + V (Aux) + (adv.) + (Aux) + BE + V-en The police have just arrested him.
3. Check whether you need to add or take out the -s in the first auxiliary (the S is now different).	He have just ... He has just ...
4. Replace the main verb (V) with BE, in the same form: infinitive (be), present (am, is, are), past (was, were), past participle (been) or gerund (being).	The police have just arrested him. He has just been...
5. Add the past participle (V-en = taken, broken, eaten, bought, closed...) of the main verb (V).	The police have just arrested him. He has just been arrested...

6. Add the rest of the sentence. If the agent (Ag), which is the original S, is important, add it after "by". If it is not important, (by people, by someone, by them, by us, by you...), omit it.	... + (by + Ag) He has just been arrested. ("by the police" is obvious).
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b) Transform this sentence into the passive voice:

0. The police are using a dog to look for survivors.

c) Listen to check. Correct your answer if necessary.

d) Do and check each sentence in the same way before you do the next one.

1. We must always respect other people's work.

2. In 1961 CBS spent 402 dollars on Bob Dylan's first record.

3. In France they use pigs to find truffles.

4. They are treating the sick man with an experimental drug.

5. They are going to analyse the meteorite with X-rays.

6. The president will probably hold a press conference next week.

7. We can easily observe these animals in their natural habitat.

8. We have made this product with natural ingredients.

9. You should revise grammar rules from time to time.

10. People have to understand the need for safety measures.

11. We're going to correct these sentences on Monday.

12. They are cleaning the room now.

13. Some students have finished the sentences.

14. They don't sell this product in our country.

15. We're going to practise the passive voice next week, too.

16. We must do the homework every day.