

Passive voice practice 4 – Od as passive S

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

<p>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).</p>	<p>S + V + O</p> <p>↙</p> <p>S</p> <p>Cain killed Abel.</p> <p>↙</p> <p>Abel was killed by Cain.</p>
<p>2. If there is one or more auxiliaries, copy them. If there is an adverb between an auxiliary and the main verb, copy it.</p> <p>3. Check whether you need to add or take out the -s in the first auxiliary (the S is now different).</p>	<p>(Aux) + (adv.) + (Aux) + V</p> <p>↓ ↓ ↓ ↘</p> <p>(Aux) + (adv.) + (Aux) + BE + V-en</p> <p>The police have just arrested him.</p> <p>↓ ↓</p> <p>He have just ...</p> <p>He has just ...</p>
<p>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).</p>	<p>The police have just arrested him.</p> <p>He has just been...</p>
<p>5. Add the past participle (V-en = taken, broken, eaten, bought, closed...) of the main verb (V).</p>	<p>The police have just arrested him.</p> <p>He has just been arrested...</p>

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).

b) Transform these sentences into the passive voice:

1. The last time they beat the world record was last year.

The last time the world record _____ was last year.

2. The goalkeeper caught the ball.

The ball _____ by the goalkeeper.

3. The tallest man was driving the getaway car.

The getaway car _____ by the tallest man.

4. I can't go on fishing: the fish have eaten all the bait.

I can't go on fishing: all the bait _____ .

5. We will probably find the missing book soon.

The missing book _____ soon.

6. We shouldn't forget people in poor countries.

People in poor countries _____ .

7. God will forgive all your sins if you repent sincerely.

All your sins _____ if you repent sincerely.

8. The children haven't laid the table yet.

The table _____ yet.

9. They gave the ambassador a musical instrument as a farewell gift.

A musical instrument _____ the ambassador as a
farewell gift.

10. Glue is now holding the two pieces together.

The two pieces _____ together by glue.

11. The batter hit the ball so hard that it flew out of the baseball stadium.

The ball _____ so hard that it flew out of the baseball stadium.

12. The people who are sick have to drink this medicine three times a day.

This medicine _____ three times a day.

13. Children often fly kites in India when it's windy.

Kites _____ in India when it's windy.

14. You can't grow orange trees in cold climates.

Orange trees _____ in cold climates.

15. He hurt her feelings when he ignored her greeting.

His feelings _____ when her greeting _____ .