

PASSIVE VOICE

1. Passive voice is used in the following news headlines. Read them and tick the statements which are true.

- ☐ The passive voice is used to show interest in the person or object that experiences an action rather than the person or object that performs the action.
- ☐ The passive voice is often used in informal texts.
- ☐ The most important thing or person becomes the subject of the sentence.
- ☐ The passive voice is used to show interest in the person or object that performs the action.
- ☐ Sometimes we use the passive voice because we don't know or do not want to express who performed the action.
- ☐ The passive voice is often used in formal texts.
- ☐ We use passive voice when the person doing the action is unknown, unimportant or obvious



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2. Listen to the following news report and explain what it is about

3. Listen to the news again and complete the following sentences:

◆ Nissan _____ to cancel plans to expand its operations in Sunderland.

◆ The Japanese car maker Nissan _____ *next week* that it's cancelling planned investment in its plant in Sunderland. (...)

◆ *It* _____ the announcement will lead to immediate job losses.

4. Why is passive voice used in these sentences?

5. Turn these active sentences into likely headlines, by using a passive voice transformation. Only include the agent (by...) when you feel it's relevant.

The Queen will appoint a new Prime Minister later today.

A judge has given a suspended sentence to an Oxford student for stabbing her boyfriend.

They are going to give the right to vote to up to 100 prisoners on short sentences.

Police are investigating a Russian citizen who was scrutinised for ties to Trump.

They are going to allow the contaminated blood scandal victims to sue the government.

They have accused Prince Charles of conflict of interest.
