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## The PASSIVE VOICE

A passive sentence consists of:

- The subject
- The verb to be in the correct tense.
- The past participle of the verb needed.
- Sometimes, the agent and/or other complements

Subject + verb + "to be" + Past participle

**The Active Voice** tells us what the subject of a sentence does or did.



**The Passive Voice** creates a new subject. We use the passive voice when we want to emphasize **who** does or did an action.

### Present and Past Passive Structures

#### Simple Present Passive

am/is/are + past participle (+ by + noun)

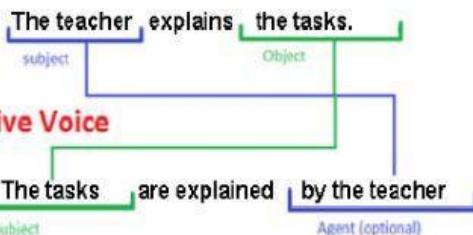
#### Simple Past Passive

was/were + past participle (+ by + noun)

Here are Some Examples

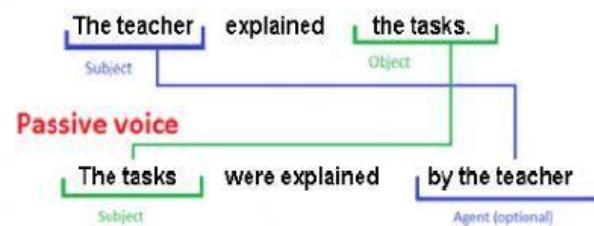
#### Simple Present Passive

##### Active Voice



#### Simple Past Passive

##### Active voice





**Rewrite the sentences in Passive voice.**

1. The electricians test the fire alarm.
2. Levi Strauss invented the blue jeans.
3. The teacher doesn't close the window.
4. Frank takes photos.
5. My friend bought a new car.
6. Julia rescued three cats.
7. The students hand in the reports.
8. David cleans the kitchen every morning.
9. Alex didn't learn the poem.
10. Helen doesn't set the table.
11. The technician didn't repair the DVD recorder.
12. The gardener trims the bushes.
13. Jacky and Carol ate all the cakes.
14. My grandfather built this house in 1943.
15. The teacher doesn't forget the students' homework.

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LIVELIVE WORKSHEETS



Put in the correct form of the verb in Passive into the gaps. Use the verb and the tense given in brackets.

1. The tasks \_\_\_\_\_ by the teacher today. (*explain - Simple Present*)
2. Three gifts \_\_\_\_\_ the day before yesterday. (*send - Simple Past*)
3. This car \_\_\_\_\_. It's too old. (*not / steal - Simple Past*)
4. The turkey \_\_\_\_\_ on Christmas day. (*roast - Simple Present*)
5. The flowers \_\_\_\_\_ every day. (*water - Simple Present*)
6. The book \_\_\_\_\_ by my friend last Sunday. (*buy - Simple Past*)
7. The dishes \_\_\_\_\_ by my little brother. (*not / wash - Simple Past*)
8. The report \_\_\_\_\_ by Robert. (*hand in - Simple Present*)

Form sentences in Passive. Put the words in the correct order.

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1. \_\_\_\_\_

at 10 pm      were      locked      the doors

2. \_\_\_\_\_

stolen      last night      his bike      was

3. \_\_\_\_\_

oranges      in winter      weren't      picked

4. \_\_\_\_\_

is      in France      cheese      best      the      produced

5. \_\_\_\_\_