

Passive voice

The passive voice is used when the receiver of the action is more important than the doer.

Choose the ideas where the receiver is more important than the subject.

- a. They wear ponchos in Ecuador.
- b. Someone cancelled the order.
- c. My friend Tom published the book you're reading.
- d. The president invested a lot of in education.

Those sentences are much better expressed in passive voice.

1. Apple products **are** mostly **made** in China.

Structure:

Subject + _____ / _____ / _____ + _____

The verb **to be** is in present. Therefore, this is the _____ passive.

2. This book **was published** in London.

Structure:

Subject + _____ / _____ + _____

The verb **to be** is in _____. Therefore, this is the _____ passive.

3. The order **has been cancelled**.

Structure:

Subject + _____ / _____ + _____ + _____

The verb **to be** is _____ after have or has. Therefore, this is the _____ passive.

4. You **will be notified** about the decision.

Structure:

Subject + _____ + _____ + _____

The verb **to be** is _____ after will. Therefore, this is the _____ passive.

5. A lot of products **are being imported**.

Structure:

Subject + _____ / _____ / _____ + _____ + _____

The verb **to be** is _____ after the verb **to be** in _____. Therefore, this is the _____ passive.

6. Some houses **were being built**, but the weather caused the construction to stop.

Structure:

Subject + _____ / _____ + _____ + _____

The verb **to be** is _____ after the verb to be in _____. Therefore, this is the _____ passive.