

passive voice

ACTIVE VOICE			PASSIVE VOICE		
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SUBJECT	VERB	OBJECT	SUBJECT	VERB	COMPLEMENT
Bill	cooks	great cakes	Great cakes	are cooked	by Bill
S subject (action)	Verb	Object (no action)	S subject (no action)	BE + P.P.	BY + agent (action)

When the Subject actually DOES the action, the sentence is in the ACTIVE VOICE

When the Subject DOESN'T DO the action, the sentence is in the PASSIVE VOICE

Active Voice : VERB

Passive Voice : BE + Past Participle of the Verb

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MIND THE TENSES WHEN YOU TURN A SENTENCE INTO THE PASSIVE VOICE

ACTIVE VOICE	PASSIVE VOICE
Our students create funny stories	Funny stories are created by our students
Verb in the present simple	am/is/ are + past participle
Our students created funny stories	Funny stories were created by our students
Verb in the past simple	was/ were + past participle
Our students have created funny stories	Funny stories have been created by our students
Verb in the present perfect	have (has) been + past participle
Our students had created funny stories	Funny stories had been created by our students
Verb in the past perfect	had been + past participle
Our students will create funny stories	Funny stories will be created by our students
Will + verb	will be + past participle

MIND THE IRREGULAR VERB FORMS WHEN YOU TURN A SENTENCE INTO THE PASSIVE VOICE

ACTIVE VOICE	PASSIVE VOICE
Our students write great stories	Great stories are written by our students .