

## THE PASSIVE VOICE

### 1) Observe the sentences and underline the verbal forms

- a) The colony of Jamestown was founded in May 1607.
- b) The declaration of Independence was adopted on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1776.
- c) The Civil War was won by the northern states and slavery was abolished.
- d) I was told that Martin Luther King had received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964

### 2) Observe the construction of the verbal forms

\_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ (ou **be + en**)

#### → Conjugate be:

Present : I \_\_\_\_\_, he/she/it \_\_\_\_\_, we /you / they \_\_\_\_\_

Simple past: I, he/she/it \_\_\_\_\_, you / we/ they \_\_\_\_\_

Present perfect: I / you / we / they \_\_\_\_\_, he/she/it \_\_\_\_\_

#### → Modal auxiliaries

With CAN, COULD, MUST, WILL, WOULD, SHOULD... :

I / he / she / it / you / we / they \_\_\_\_\_

#### → Formation of the past participle:

Regular verbs \_\_\_\_\_ irregular verbs \_\_\_\_\_

### 3) Find the agent (= complément d'agent, celui qui fait l'action)

Dans quelle(s) phrase(s) le nomme-t-on, et quelle est la préposition qui l'introduit ?

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Pourquoi n'apparaît-il pas dans les autres ?

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Put sentence c) at the active voice :

*The Civil War was won by the northern states and slavery was abolished.*

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Translate the sentence

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**4) Observe sentence d).**

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Translate : Do you use a passive in French ? \_\_\_\_\_

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Which pronoun do you use ? \_\_\_\_\_

**5) Put the verb at the passive voice.**

- a) The Civil war \_\_\_\_\_ (fight) from 1861 to 1865.
- b) The thirteen British colonies \_\_\_\_\_ (declare) free and independent states in 1776.
- c) Martin Luther King \_\_\_\_\_ (shoot) in Memphis, Tennessee in 1963.
- d) John Fitzgerald Kennedy \_\_\_\_\_ (kill) by Lee Harvey Oswald.
- e) Abraham Lincoln \_\_\_\_\_ (remember) forever for setting the slaves free.
- f) Black people \_\_\_\_\_ (allow) to vote in the USA since 1965.

TENSE	ACTIVE	PASSIVE
Present Simple	I <b>make</b> a cake	A cake <b>is</b> made
Present Contin.	I'm <b>making</b> a cake	A cake <b>is being</b> made.
Past Simple	I <b>made</b> a cake.	A cake <b>was</b> made.
Past Continuous	I <b>was making</b> a cake.	A cake <b>was being</b> made.
Present Perfect	I <b>have made</b> a cake	A cake <b>has been</b> made.
Past Perfect	I <b>had made</b> a cake.	A cake <b>had been</b> made.
Future Simple	I <b>will</b> make a cake.	A cake <b>will be</b> made.
Future be going to	I'm <b>going to</b> make a cake.	A cake <b>is going to be</b> made.
Modal	I <b>must</b> make a cake.	A cake <b>must be</b> made.
Modal Perfect	I <b>should have</b> made a cake.	A cake <b>should have been</b> made.