

### **Voz Pasiva — Presente y Pasado**

La voz pasiva ocurre cuando el sujeto gramatical de la oración no es quien realiza la acción sino quien recibe el efecto de la acción, por ejemplo:

**Algunos mexicanos construyeron esos automóviles** (Sujeto=los hombres, realizan activamente la acción expresada en el verbo, construir= voz activa)

**Los automóviles fueron construidos por mexicanos** (Sujeto=los automóviles, reciben el efecto del verbo, fueron construidos= voz pasiva). En inglés la estructura es muy similar,

**Those men made these cars** (Esos hombres hicieron estos autos – voz activa),  
**These cars were made by those men** (Estos autos fueron hechos por aquellos hombres – voz pasiva).

NOTA: En el español de México es más común utilizar una voz media con “se” que la voz pasiva, por ejemplo: “Se construyeron cientos de autos en fábricas mexicanas” en vez de “Cientos de autos fueron construidos en fábricas mexicanas”.

Estructura: La voz pasiva en inglés tiene esta estructura:

Sujeto (recibe efecto de la acción) + Aux. BE (en el tiempo que sea necesario) + V past participle + Complements

The cars + are + made + in Italy. (Passive Voice, Present Simple)  
These cars + were + made + in France (Passive Voice, Past Simple)

El auxiliar BE es quien expresa el tiempo en que está la oración.

Para incluir a quien realiza la acción, se añade al final de la oración después de la palabra *by*. p.ej.

**She was promoted to General Manager by the Company President.**  
(Ella fue ascendida a Gerente General *por* el Presidente de la compañía).

### Present Simple Passive Voice Exercises:

**Sentence Transformation:** Transform the following active voice sentences into passive voice:

1. a) **The chef prepares delicious meals.** meals Delicious the chef prepared are by [Delicious] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ].
2. b) **They clean the classroom every day.** cleaned is day every [The] [classroom] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ].
3. c) **People speak Spanish in many countries.** spoken Spanish countries in many is [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ].
4. d) **She teaches English to children.** children taught English by her is to [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ].
5. e) **He fixes the car every weekend.** every fixed His weekend car is [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ].

**Fill in the Blanks:** Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb in passive voice and the auxiliary verb to BE in present simple.

- a) The cake \_\_\_\_\_ (bake) by my mom.
- b) English \_\_\_\_\_ (speak) all over the world.
- c) The house \_\_\_\_\_ (clean) every Saturday.
- d) The report \_\_\_\_\_ (write) by the team.
- e) The problem \_\_\_\_\_ (solve) by the experts.

**Multiple Choice:** Write the correct passive voice sentence:

- a) The trees (plant) by the gardener.

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- b) The project (finish) by the team.

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- c) The letters (send) by the secretary.

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- d) The cake (bake) by Sarah.

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- e) The room (clean) by the maid.

### Past Simple Passive Voice Exercises:

1. **Sentence Transformation:** Transform the following active voice sentences into passive voice:

a) ***The company launched the new product last month.***

Last new product month launched was The the by company

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b) ***Many people watched the movie in the cinema.***

Cinema by many watched people was movie The in the

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c) ***The police caught the thief yesterday.***

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d) ***They invited us to the party.***

by We invited the to were them party

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e) ***The principal wrote a letter to his mother.***

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2. **Fill in the Blanks:** Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb in passive voice:

- a) The letter \_\_\_\_\_ (send) by me yesterday.
- b) The song \_\_\_\_\_ (sing) by the children.
- c) The mistake \_\_\_\_\_ (correct) by the teacher.
- d) The cake \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) by everyone at the party.
- e) The problem \_\_\_\_\_ (solve) by the team last week.

3. **Rewrite Sentences:** Rewrite the following sentences in passive voice:

- a) She bought a new car yesterday.

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- b) He found the lost keys in the garden.

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- c) They invited us to the party.

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- d) The teacher punished the students for being late.

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- e) The company awarded him a prize for his outstanding work.

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