

We form the Present Simple passive like this:

am/is/are + PAST PARTICIPLE
Glass is made from sand.

POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE

This programme is shown on TV every Thursday.

These computers aren't produced any more.

QUESTIONS

When is breakfast served in this hotel?

Look at these sentences:

ACTIVE: They sell cold drinks here.

PASSIVE: Cold drinks are sold here.
SUBJECT

Notice that the object in the active sentence (cold drinks) is the same as the subject in the passive sentence. We use the passive when it is not important who does the action, or when we don't know who does it:

These cars are made in Japan. (We don't need to say ... by-Japanese-workers.)

This castle was built in the twelfth century. (We don't know who built it.)

Write sentences from these words. Some of the sentences are questions.

Sentences 1–7 are present.

- 1 (the office / clean / every day)
- 2 (these rooms / clean / every day?)
- 3 (glass / make / from sand)
- 4 (stamps / sell / in a post office)
- 5 (this room / not / use / very often)
- 6 (we / allow / to park here?)
- 7 (how / this word / pronounce?)

The office is cleaned every day.
Are these rooms cleaned every day?
Glass
.....
.....
.....
.....

simple past passive *I was stopped by a policeman.*

	<i>I was woken</i>	<i>you were woken</i>	<i>he/she/it was woken</i> etc
	<i>was I woken?</i>	<i>were you woken?</i>	<i>was he/she/it woken?</i> etc
	<i>I was not woken</i>	<i>you were not woken</i>	<i>he/she/it was not woken</i> etc

Complete the sentences with *was/were*.

- 1 The fire.....seen in Renton, a kilometre away.
- 2 Most of the matches.....won by Indian teams.
- 3 These keys.....found in the changing room yesterday – are they yours?
- 4 We couldn't find the station, but we.....helped by a very kind woman.
- 5 I.....stopped by a policeman in Green Road this morning.
- 6 Yesterday a man.....caught trying to burn down the Town Hall.

Put simple past passive verbs into these sentences.

- 1 Our passports by a tall woman in a uniform. (*take*)
- 2 These books in the classroom on Monday. (*leave*)
- 3 I don't think this room yesterday. (*clean*)
- 4 We at the airport by a driver from the university. (*meet*)
- 5 Nobody what was happening. (*tell*)
- 6 He away to school when he was twelve. (*send*)

Complete the sentences. Use the passive (present or past) of these verbs:

~~clean~~ ~~damage~~ ~~find~~ ~~give~~ ~~invite~~ ~~make~~ ~~make~~ ~~show~~ ~~steal~~ ~~take~~

- 1 The room *is cleaned* every day.
- 2 I saw an accident yesterday. Two people *were taken* to hospital.
- 3 Paper from wood.
- 4 There was a fire at the hotel last week. Two of the rooms
- 5 'Where did you get this picture?' 'It to me by a friend of mine.'
- 6 Many American programmes on British television.
- 7 'Did Jim and Sue go to the wedding?' 'No. They, but they didn't go.'
- 8 'How old is this film?' 'It in 1965.'
- 9 My car last week, but the next day it by the police.

Change the active sentences into passive sentences. Use the words in brackets ().

- We sell tickets for all shows at the box office. (Tickets for all shows/sell/at the box office)
Tickets for all shows are sold at the box office.
- 1 Thomas Edison invented the electric light bulb. (The electric light bulb/invent/by Thomas Edison)
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 - 2 Someone painted the office last week. (The office/paint/last week)
.....
 - 3 Several people saw the accident. (The accident/see/by several people)
.....
 - 4 Where do they make these video recorders? (Where/these video recorders/make)
.....
 - 5 Six countries signed the agreement. (The agreement/sign/by six countries)
.....
 - 6 A stranger helped me. (I/help/by a stranger)
.....
 - 7 They don't deliver the post on Sundays. (The post/not/deliver/on Sundays)
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future passive *Tomorrow your bicycle will be stolen.*

	<i>I will be woken</i>	<i>you will be woken</i>	<i>he/she/it will be woken etc</i>
	<i>will I be woken?</i>	<i>will you be woken?</i>	<i>will he/she/it be woken? etc</i>
	<i>I will not be woken</i>	<i>you will not be woken</i>	<i>he/she/it will not be woken etc</i>

Make future passive sentences with the verbs from the box.

clean	close ✓	finish	open	send	speak
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- The motorway *will be closed* for three days.
- 1 The museum by the Queen.
- 2 One day English everywhere.
- 3 This job in a few days.
- 4 Your room while you're out.
- 5 Your tickets to you next week.

Make future passive negatives and questions.

- 'The football match *won't be played* on Saturday.' (play)
'When *will it be played?* 'On Sunday.'
- 1 'The visitors to the hotel by bus.' (take)
'How there?' 'By taxi.'
- 2 'The new library in the Central Square.' (build)
'Where 'Behind the Police Station.'
- 3 'English at the conference.' (speak)
'What language 'Chinese.'

present perfect passive *The house has been sold.*

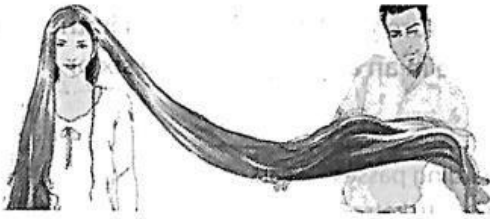
	<i>I have been seen</i>	<i>you have been seen</i>	<i>he/she/it has been seen etc</i>
	<i>have I been seen?</i>	<i>have you been seen?</i>	<i>has he/she/it been seen? etc</i>
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News: put the verbs into the present perfect passive.

- A new university *has been opened* in Kew today by the Prince of Wales. (open)
- 1 Lord Retlaw for drunk driving. (arrest)
- 2 An old painting from a school in Wales for \$250,000
by an American museum. (buy)
- 3 An 18-year-old soldier in an accident in Devon. (kill)
- 4 The two lost children alive and well in a London park. (find)
- 5 An unknown actor to star in the new film of 'Macbeth'. (choose)
- 6 The old hospital in the town centre (close)
- 7 'What's the problem?' 'My bicycle ' (steal)
- 8 I to write something for the local newspaper. (ask)
- 9 All the papers for next week's meeting (lose)
- 10 Everybody in the class to Stacey's party. (invite)

'It's never been done.' Make a sentence for each picture.

cut



► It's never been cut.

ride



1

wear



2

open



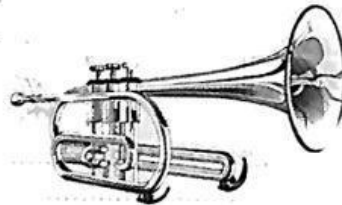
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use



4

play



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Tenses. Put in simple present, simple past or future passive verbs.

- 'Frankenstein' *was written* by Mary Shelley. (write)
- The repairs *will be finished* before next Tuesday. (finish)
- 1 Butter from milk. (make)
- 2 Last night two men in a fight in a nightclub. (kill)
- 3 One day all our work by machines. (do)
- 4 English as a second language by millions of people. (speak)
- 5 This computer in Japan. (make)
- 6 All the footballers by a doctor before the match last Sunday. (examine)
- 7 This room every day. (clean)
- 8 You of the test results as soon as possible. (inform)
- 9 The new road in July next year. (open)
- 10 Diamonds in several countries in Africa. (find)