

ACTIVE AND PASSIVE VOICE

Changing from Active into Passive

- The object of the active verb becomes the subject in the new sentence.

	Subject	Verb	Object	(agent)
Active	Picasso	Painted	that picture.	
Passive	That picture	was painted		by Picasso.

➤ Passive verb

Subject + verb + "to be" + Past participle

Antonio **paints** the room every year

The room **is painted** every year

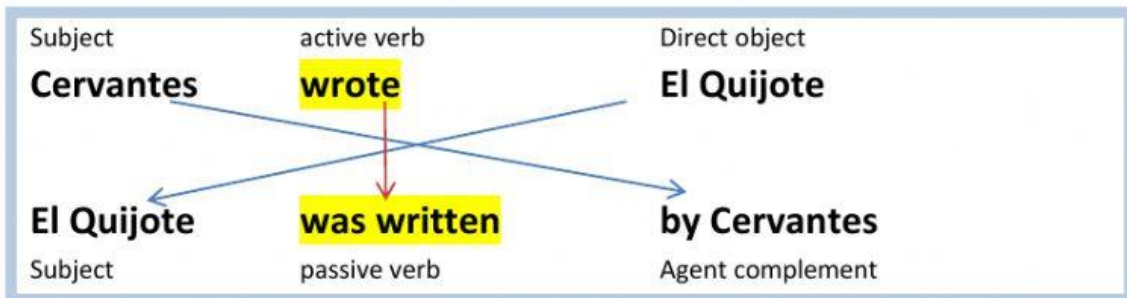
Antonio **Painted** the room yesterday

The room **was painted** yesterday

1 Fill in: is, are, was or were.

- A short story competition *is* organised by our school every year.
- The electric light bulb invented by Thomas Edison in 1879.
- Many films produced in Hollywood.
- The Lost City of the Incas located in Peru.
- The film *Titanic* directed by James Cameron.
- The Special Olympics World Games held every four years.
- Guernica* painted by Pablo Picasso.
- Toyota cars made in Japan.
- Penicillin discovered by Alexander Fleming.
- The Harry Potter books written by J. K. Rowling.
- The music for the *Phantom of the Opera* composed by Andrew Lloyd Webber.
- The Parthenon visited by thousands of tourists each year.
- Breakfast served from 7:00 am to 11:00 am daily.
- The Coliseum completed by the Romans in 80 AD.
- Coffee grown in Brazil.

➤ From active to passive



❖ **Millions of people** read this magazine.

❖ **Mary** translated the article.

❖ **We** will finish this work tomorrow.

❖ **This magazine** is read by millions of people.

❖ **The article** was translated by Mary.

❖ **This work** will be finished tomorrow.

2 How are music videos made? Turn the following sentences into the **present simple passive**.

- The music producer chooses the song for the music video.
The song for the music video is chosen by the music producer.
- A director directs the music video.
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- A cameraman shoots the video.
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- A singer or band sings the song.
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- The music company produces the music video.
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3 Put the verbs in brackets into the **past simple passive**.

Two men 1) *were seen* (see) breaking into a house last night. The police 2) (call) and one man 3) (catch) immediately. The other escaped but he 4) (find) soon after. Both men 5) (take) to the police station where they 6) (question) separately by a police officer. The two men 7) (charge) with burglary.