



# Simple Passive

Grammar Basics

Grammar & Structure

*Level B1*

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## Content

- In this lesson you will learn all about the simple passive and all its elements.

## Learning Outcomes

- Learn different uses for the simple passive form.
- Learn to create sentences using the passive.
- Learn to identify different forms of the passive.

**Please note**

Sentences can be active or passive. Therefore, verbs have “active” and “passive” forms

**Active:**

He stole some money.

**Passive:**

Some money was stolen.



**Please note**

In *active sentences*, the thing doing the action is the subject of the sentence. The thing receiving the action is the object.

(Active Subject) + (verb) + (Passive Object)

**Examples:**

He broke the swimming record.

She painted my house.

I cooked a quiche.

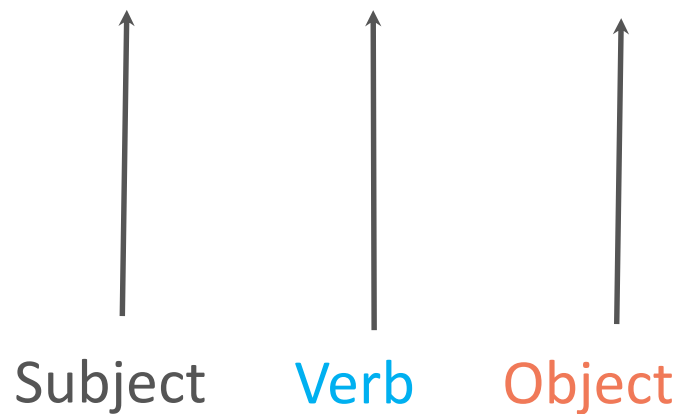


**Please note**

The subject is the most important thing in an active sentence.



The boy kicked the ball.



**Please note**

In *passive sentences*, the thing receiving the action is the subject of the sentence. The thing doing the action is not necessary to include.

(Passive Subject) + (be) + (past participle of verb) + (by) + (active object)

The passive verb form is used if the receiving of the action is more important than the action itself.

The passive form can also be known if the thing doing the action is unknown.



Please note

The object is the most important thing in a passive sentence.

The ball was kicked by the boy.



Passive  
Subject



Past  
Participle



Active  
Object





**Please note**

The passive voice can be used if the subject is unknown.





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Verb Tense

Simple Present

Present Continuous

Simple Past

Past Continuous

Present Perfect

Active Sentence

Twice a week, Mandy mows the lawn.

The cat is chasing the bird.

John's team won the trophy

She was helping the child.

Many people have translated his book.

Passive Sentence

Twice a week, the lawn is mowed by Mandy

The bird is being chased by the cat.

The trophy was won by John's team.

The child was being helped (by her).

His book has been translated by many people.

**Speaking**

Fill in the blanks with the correct verb form

1. Google is a big company. Over 53,000 people ..... (employ) there.
2. Snow in Wisconsin ..... (last) a long time.
3. The snow ..... (clear) by city workers.
4. The school ..... (clean) by the janitor.

**Speaking**

Fill in the blanks with the correct verb form

5. The man ..... (bring) us flowers last week.
6. We ..... (give) flowers from the man last week.
7. I didn't do my homework, because my dog ..... (eat) it.
8. My homework ..... (eat) by my dog.

**Speaking**

Fill in the blanks with the correct verb form

9. The little girl ..... (love) ice cream.

10. The chef ..... (prepare) us a delicious meal!

11. His credit card ..... (steal).

12. The thief ..... (steal) his credit card.

**Speaking**

Your late to work! Give your boss an excuse of why

Create a sentence in the passive as to why you are late.



EX) I was being chased by a dog and had to hide in my car.



## Speaking

### Correct the mistakes

- 1) My car was make in Japan.
- 2) The restaurant is closed because it is renovating.
- 3) She is being employed by the company currently.
- 4) My cake is baked by me earlier.
- 5) They are being teach by Mr. Jones, the best teacher.

**Speaking**

Turn these sentences from active to passive

- 1) The children clean their rooms.
- 2) Tony teaches us yoga.
- 3) Marconi Giannuzzi's makes the best pizza.
- 4) Spanish movie theaters translate every movie.
- 5) She gave me the best present ever.



**Speaking**

Turn these sentences from passive to active

- 1) Cheese is made in Wisconsin.
- 2) The woman was being followed by a stalker.
- 3) The best parts were used in the movie.
- 4) The television news show is recorded by these cameras.
- 5) The best team was defeated by the worst team.

**Speaking**

Write any three sentences in the passive

EX) The phones are designed in America but made in China.

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

**Speaking**

Write any three sentences in the **negative** passive

EX) My handbag is real Gucci! It was not made in China!

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

**Speaking**

Ask a partner two questions using the passive

**Example:**

A) What changes are being made in your city?

B) A new highway is being built which would reduce a lot of traffic near the airport. That's good!

**Speaking**

Look at the image. Write three sentences in the passive about the image.



1.-

2.-

3.-

**Speaking**

Look at the image. Write three sentences in the active about the image.



1.-

2.-

3.-

**Speaking**

Answer the questions about yourself

1) \_\_\_\_\_ is done by me.

2) \_\_\_\_\_ was made by me.

3) Today I am taught by \_\_\_\_\_.

4) I was given a \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_.

5) Recently, my \_\_\_\_\_ was broken.





## Speaking

Answer the questions about yourself

- 1) I was taught everything by \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) The cleaning in my house is done by \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) The food in my house is cooked by \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4) The best city in my country is located in \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) The nicest people in my country are found in \_\_\_\_\_.

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