

PASSIVE VOICE

PASSIVE VOICE: Passive voice is used when the focus is on the action. It is not important or not known, however, who or what is performing the action.

PRESENT SIMPLE TENSE
AM-IS-ARE + Past Participle of the Verb
Sue waters the flowers.(active)
Flowers are watered.(passive)

PAST SIMPLE TENSE
WAS-WERE + Past Participle of the Verb
Sue watered the flowers.(active)
Flowers were watered.(passive)

MAKE THESE SENTENCES PASSIVE

1. Mike brushes his shoes before school.
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2. Claire knits nice jumpers for the kids.
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3. Hans tidied his room last week.
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4. Terry bought a new house.
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5. Kelly doesn't speak English.
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6. Meg drives her car slowly and carefully.
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7. Pam read an adventure book last week.
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8. Joseph answered the question correctly.
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9. David doesn't know the way to harbour.
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Nobody would EVER say these sentences. The examples even contradict the usage rules given in the boxes on top.



PASSIVE VOICE + BY SOMETHING or SOMEONE

If you use passive voice + by something or someone you can mention the subject or performer of the sentence as well.

THE PRESENT SIMPLE

5. (some animals/kill/in jungles).....
6. (big ships/make/in Tuzla).....
7. (milk/bring/to our house/every day).....
8. (new projects/make/in the company).....
9. (mobile phones/produce/in China).....
10. (pretty sandals/sell/here).....
11. (newspaper/find/in this shop).....

CORRECT THESE SENTENCES

1. The telephone is invented by Alexander Graham Bell.....
2. The little boys are took to school by their parents every day.....
3. A blonde girl is seen in the police station yesterday.....
4. Delicious soup are served in this restaurant every morning.....
5. This project were made by Melinda last term.....
6. Nice books was written by this author last year.....

MAKE PASSIVE SENTENCES IN THE PAST SIMPLE

1. (this song/sing/everywhere/in 1970).....
2. (flowers/plant/in this area).....
3. (strawberry/grow/in this town).....
4. (telephone/invent/in England).....
5. (my car/produce/in 2008).....
6. (the forest/burn down/in 1986).....
7. (this school/build/a decade ago).....
8. (your computer/infect/by a virus).....
9. (his television/fix/last weekend).....
10. (the apples/harvest/before Friday).....
11. (my clothes/wash/last night).....

FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH AM, IS, ARE or WAS, WERE

1. Good news heard by everybody in the house yesterday.
2. The chicken nicely cooked and all the guests thought it wonderful.
3. Four people killed by an angry neighbour in a pub last summer.
4. Her bed usually made by her mother. She doesn't do it herself.
5. Our dogs fed by my elder brother every morning.

MAKE THESE SENTENCES ACTIVE

1. All the dishes were washed by my mother last night.
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2. Nice clothes are produced in Turkey by some factories.
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3. The suspects were seen by a group of boys near the bus
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4. The house is cleaned by the maid every Saturday.
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5. The house was demolished by the hurricane last night.
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6. History books are read by the students in this class.
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7. A nice dinner was prepared by the cook yesterday.
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