



The passive voice



What is it?

The passive voice

- We use the passive voice when we want to focus on the action (not the doer)
- or when the person who does the action is not important or unknown.



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The cat drinks
the milk

The milk is
drunk by the cat



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Active voice



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How do we **form** the
passive voice?



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ACTIVE

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1. Identify
the **subject** -
verb-**object**

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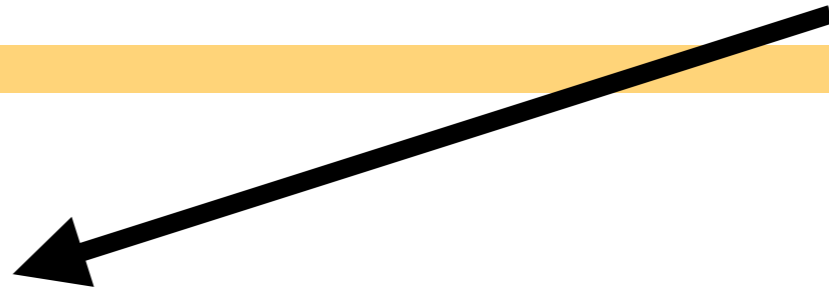


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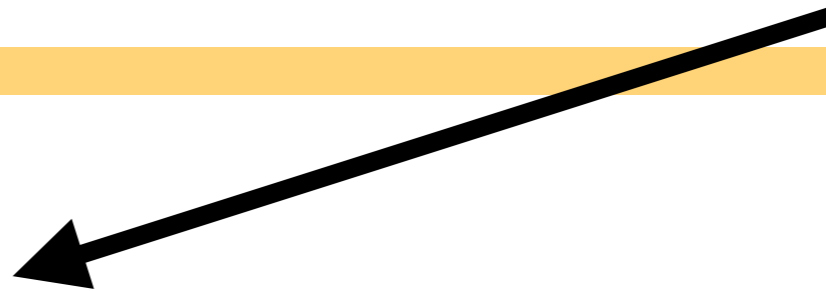


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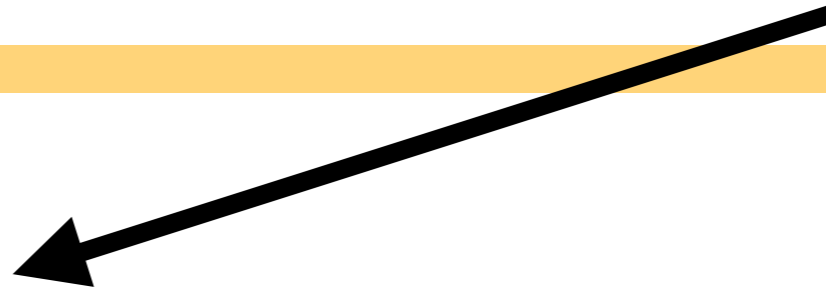
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3. Identify the verb tense

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drinks

Which tense
is it?



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PRESENT
SIMPLE



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3. Identify the **verb** tense

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4. Put the **verb** "to be" in the tense

ive voice

PRESENT
SIMPLE- TO BE



I am

We are

You are

You are

He/she/it is

They are

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4. Put the **verb** "to be" in the tense

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The milk is



4. Put the
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The milk is



5. Put the main
verb in the
past participle

What is the “PAST PARTICIPLE”?



Past participle

3rd Column of
Irregular verbs or
-ED

How many times
do we have to repeat
it??



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5. Put the main
verb in the
past participle

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The milk is drunk



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The milk is drunk



6. Write BY+
the subject

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The cat drinks the milk



The milk is drunk by the cat



6. Write BY +
the subject

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the milk

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1. George **watches** a film
2. The students **speak** English
3. Peter **reads** comics
4. Shakira **sings** a beautiful song
5. Paula **plays** football
6. Lucía **takes** photos
7. John **doesn't write** poems



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1. A film **is watched** by George
2. English **is spoken** by the students
3. Comics **are read** by Peter
4. A beautiful song **is sung** by Shakira
5. Football **is played** by Paula
6. Photos **are taken** by Lucía
7. Poems **aren't written** by John

PAST SIMPLE-ive voice

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TO BE

I was

We were

You were

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8. Mary bought four apples
9. Rafa Nadal won the match
10. The man stole the blue car
11. The police arrested the thieves
12. Michael Phelps swam 100 metres
13. Joseph ate five hamburgers
14. Susan didn't teach the children

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8. Four apples **were bought** by Mary
9. The match **was won** by Rafa Nadal
10. The blue car **was stolen** by the man
11. The thieves **were arrested** by the police
12. 100 metres **were swum** by Michael Phelps
13. Five hamburgers **were eaten** by John
14. The children **weren't taught** by Susan

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I	me
you	you
he	him
she	her
it	its



You	you
we	us
they	them

I eat an apple → An apple is eaten by me

S - V - O ...

Subject - Verb - Object ...

Complement



yesterday

In New York

every day



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S - V - O

O - V - by S

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S - V - O - C

??????

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S - V - O - C

O - V - C - by S

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15. They make many movies **in Hollywood**

16. He gives a presentation **every month**

17. You took my bike **yesterday**

18. We receive the newspaper **everyday**

19. She ate all the cookies

20. I wrote a book **in 2017**

21. They paid us **last Friday**

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15. Many movies are made **in Hollywood** by them

16. A presentation is given **every month** by him

17. My bike was taken **yesterday** by you

18. The newspaper is received **everyday** by us

19. All the cookies were eaten by her

20. A book was written **in 2017** by me

21. We were paid **last Friday** by them

Extra practice - Passive

22. Graham Bell invented the telephone
23. Thomas Edison developed the light bulb
24. The Wright Brothers flew the first aircraft
25. Benjamin Franklin discovered electricity
26. Galileo developed a powerful telescope
27. Archimedes calculated pi
28. Samuel Morse invented Morse code to communicate via telegraph

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29. Louis Braille developed the Braille system
30. Karl Benz made the petrol-powered car in 1879
31. Édouard Michelin invented the first practical pneumatic tyre in 1887
32. Rudolf Diesel built a diesel-powered combustion engine
33. Marie Curie discovered Radium and X-rays.
34. Alexander Fleming discovered penicillin by accident
35. John Logie Baird invented the television

