## Material Face to Face upper-intermediate level

PASSIVE VOICE

Textbook, unit 9, section 9A

Workbook section 9A

# The Passive Voice

Sentences can be active or passive. We usually use the active in written and spoken language. The difference is that in an active sentence the subject performs the action and in a passive sentence the subject receives the action. Study the following information to learn how to form a passive sentence, how to put an active into a passive sentence and how to form the tenses in the passive voice.

## How to form the Passive

Form of **to be** + **past participle** (3rd form) of the verb

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| **Tense** | **Passive form** |
| Present tense | **am**/**is**/**are invited** |
| Past tense | **was**/**were invited** |
| Future tense | **will be invited** |
| Present perfect tense | **have**/**has been invited** |
| Past perfect tense | **had been invited** |

## How to form a passive sentence

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| **UBJECT** | **FORM OF TO BE + 3rd FORM** |  | **ADVERB, ...** |
| The room | **is cleaned** |  | every day. |
| They | **are sold** |  | as pets. |
| A lot of guests | **are invited** |  | to a party. |

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| Put an active sentence into a passive one: | | | | |
|  | **Subject** | **Verb** | **Object** |  |
| Active: | Bats | **eat** | insects. |  |
|  | | | | |
| Passive: | Insects | **are eaten** | by | bats. |
|  | **Subject** | **Verb** | **by** | **Agent** |
|  | | | | |
|  | **Subject** | **Verb** | **Object** |  |
| Active: | Tom | **saw** | the burglars |  |
|  | | | | |
| Passive: | The burglars | **were seen** | by | Tom |
|  | **Subject** | **Verb** | **by** | **Agent** |
|  | | | | |
| Subject of the active sentence **→ Agent** of the passive sentence | | | | |
| Object of the active sentence **→ Subject** of the passive sentence | | | | |

## Examples of Passive

|  |  |  |  |  |
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| Tense | | Subject | Verb | Object |
| **Simple Present** | Active: | Rita | Writes | a letter. |
| Passive: | A letter | **Is jedninu/ are mnozina** w**ritten** | by Rita. |
| **Simple Past** | Active: | Rita | Wrote | a letter. |
| Passive: | A letter | **was**  / were written | by Rita. |
| **Present Perfect** | Active: | Rita | has written | a letter. |
| Passive: | A letter | **Has jednina / have been** written | by Rita. |
| **Future I** | Active: | Rita | will write | a letter. |
| Passive: | A letter | will be written | by Rita. |
| **Modal verbs** | Active: | Rita | can write | a letter. |
| Passive: | A letter | can be written | by Rita. |

**Mixed Exercise on Passive Voice**

Rewrite the sentences in passive voice.

1. John collects money. -  MONEY IS COLLECTED BY JOHN.
2. Anna opened the window. - THE WINDOW WAS OPENED
3. We have done our homework. - PRESENT PERF/ HAVE HAS…
4. OUR HOMEWORK HAS BEEN DONE (BY US).
5. BY ME
6. BY YOU
7. BY HIM/HER
8. BY US
9. BY YOU

BY THEM

1. I will ask a question. - A QUESTION WILL BE ASKED
2. He can cut out the picture. - THE PICTURE CAN BE CUT OUT.
3. The sheep ate a lot. - A LOT WAS EATEN BY THE SHEEP.
4. We do not clean our rooms. - OUR ROOMS AREN’T CLEANED BY US.
5. William will not repair the car. - THE CAR WON’T BE REPAIRED BY WILLIAM.

WE ARE NOT CLEANING THE ROOM.

THEY WERE PLAYING FOOTBALL ALL DAY YESTERDAY.

FOOTBALL WAS BEING PLAYED BY THEM ALL DAY YESTERDAY.

THE ROOM IS NOT BEING CLEANED BY US/ OURSELVES.

1. Did Sue draw this circle? - 
2. Could you feed the dog? - 
3. Rachel will give **you** some advice.  
   → 
4. I sent **him** a letter.  
   → 
5. The police officer showed **us** the way.  
   → 
6. Our neighbour gave **me** a lift.  
   → 
7. We have asked **him** a favour.  
   → 
8. She told **me** a lie.  
   → 
9. They have written **her** a postcard.  
   → 
10. Kerrie will make **you** a cup of tea.  
    → 
11. The waiter has not brought **us** the coffee.  
    → 
12. They did not offer **her** a seat.

We use the passive voice if we want to emphasize what has happened. Who/What caused the action is not so important (or not known).

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## Exercise

Rewrite the active sentences in passive voice and the passive sentences in active voice.

* Active: Many people visit Washington.  
  Passive: WASHINGTON IS VISITED BY MANY PEOPLE.
* Active: JAMES Hoban built the White House.  
  Passive: The White House was built by James Hoban.
* Active:   
  Passive: The White House and the Capitol are connected by Pennsylvania Avenue.
* Active: In the Capitol, workers are building a visitors center.  
  Passive: 
* Aktive: They will probably finish it in 2006.  
  Passive:  it will probably be finished in 2006.

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| 1)The Government is planning a new road near my house. |
| 2) My grandfather built this house in 1943. |
| 3) Picasso was painting Guernica at that time. |
| 4) The cleaner has cleaned the office. |
| 5) He had written three books before 1867. |
| 6) John will tell you later. |
| 7) By this time tomorrow we will have signed the deal. |  |
| 8) Somebody should do the work. |
| 9) The traffic might have delayed Jimmy. |
| 10) People speak Portuguese in Brazil. |
| 11) Everybody loves Mr Brown. |
| 12) They are building a new stadium near the station. |
| 13) The wolf ate the princess. |  |
| 14) At six o'clock someone was telling a story. |
| 15) Somebody has drunk all the milk! |  |
| 16) I had cleaned all the windows before the storm. |
| 17) A workman will repair the computer tomorrow. |  |
| 18) By next year the students will have studied the passive. |
| 19) James might cook dinner. |  |
| 20) Somebody must have taken my wallet. |  |

Write down the passive form of the verbs. Use the tense in brackets.  
1. Paul  (send) to prison. (Future tense)  
2. My brother  (just beat) in the race. (Present perfect)  
3. He  (tell) to wait outside. (Past tense)  
4. I  (not pay) for the work. (Past tense)  
5. Policemen  (often ask) the way. (Present tense)  
6. Their lawn  (cut) once a week. (Present tense)  
7. We  (ask) by the police. (Future tense)  
8. The towels  (not use). (Past tense)  
9. The jewels  (not sell) so far. (Present perfect)  
10. They  (teach) French. (Present tense)  
11. The fire brigade  (phone) soon after the fire had broken out. (Past tense)  
12. You  (laugh) at if you talk such nonsense. (Future tense)  
13. All the fruits  (eat up) by the guests. (Past tense)  
14. The email (answer) tomorrow. (Future tense)

**The List of Irregular Verbs**

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| Infinitive | Simple Past | Past Participle |
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| [awake](https://www.onelook.com/?loc=pub&w=awake) | awakened / awoke | awakened / awoken |
| B | | |
| [backslide](https://www.onelook.com/?loc=pub&w=backslide) | backslid | backslidden / backslid |
| [be](https://www.onelook.com/?loc=pub&w=be) | was, were | been |
| [bear](https://www.onelook.com/?loc=pub&w=bear) | bore | born / borne |
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