

The Passive Voice


A passive sentence consist of;

- ✓ The subject
- ✓ The verb to be in the correct tense.
- ✓ The past participle of the verb needed.
- ✓ Sometimes, the agent and/or other complements

Subject + verb + "to be" + Past participle

- The novel **was read** by Mom in one day.
- This film **wasn't liked** by no one.
- The windows **had been broken**.

When to use Passive Voice ?

- ▶ We use passive when we are most interested in the action than the person who does it, or when we don't know the active subject.
 - ▶ We generally use passive voice in Descriptive text types, like:
 - Formal reports.
 - Description of some process.
 - Academic writings (like Reporting of scientific experiments)
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TENSE

ACTIVE

PASSIVE

Present Simple	I make a cake	A cake is made
Present Contin.	I 'm making a cake	A cake is being made.
Past Simple	I made a cake.	A cake was made.
Past Continuous	I was making a cake.	A cake was being made.
Present Perfect	I have made a cake	A cake has been made.
Past Perfect	I had made a cake.	A cake had been made.
Future Simple	I will make a cake.	A cake will be made.
Future be going to	I 'm going to make a cake.	A cake is going to be made.
Modal	I must make a cake.	A cake must be made.
Modal Perfect	I should have made a cake.	A cake should have been made.