

THE PASSIVE VOICE

ACTIVE	PASSIVE	
Present simple	Present simple of BE + PP (am / is / are)	HE <u>WRITES</u> A BOOK A BOOK <u>IS WRITTEN</u>
Present continuous	Present continuous of BE + PP (am / is / are being)	HE <u>IS WRITING</u> A BOOK A BOOK <u>IS BEING WRITTEN</u>
Past simple	Past simple of BE + PP (was / were)	HE <u>WROTE</u> A BOOK A BOOK <u>WAS WRITTEN</u>
Past continuous	Past continuous of BE + PP (was / were being)	HE <u>WAS WRITING</u> A BOOK A BOOK <u>WAS BEING WRITTEN</u>

ACTIVE	PASSIVE	
Present perfect	Present perfect of BE + PP (have / has been)	HE <u>HAS WRITTEN</u> A BOOK A BOOK <u>HAS BEEN WRITTEN</u>
Past perfect	Past perfect of BE + PP (had been)	HE <u>HAD WRITTEN</u> A BOOK A BOOK <u>HAD BEEN WRITTEN</u>
Past simple	Past simple of BE + PP (was / were)	HE <u>WROTE</u> A BOOK A BOOK <u>WAS WRITTEN</u>
FUTURE (WILL)	Will be + PP	HE <u>WILL WRITE</u> A BOOK A BOOK <u>WILL BE WRITTEN</u>
GOING TO	Going to be + PP	HE <u>IS GOING TO WRITE</u> A BOOK A BOOK <u>IS GOING TO BE WRITTEN</u>
CAN	Can be + PP	HE <u>CAN WRITE</u> A BOOK A BOOK <u>CAN BE WRITTEN</u>

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Exercises:

1. PASSIVE SENTENCES IN THE SIMPLE PRESENT.

- Mr Jones watches films. _____
- The people speak English. _____
- He reads comics. _____
- We play volleyball. _____
- They sing the song. _____
- I take photos. _____
- She does the housework. _____
- The policemen help the children. _____
- He writes poems. _____
- Mother waters the flowers. _____

2. PASSIVE SENTENCES IN THE SIMPLE PAST.

- She bought four apples. _____
- We won the match. _____
- The man stole the blue car. _____
- The police arrested the thieves. _____
- Jack swam the 200 metres. _____
- The dog bit the old lady. _____
- Tom and Max ate five hamburgers. _____
- Oliver taught the children Mathematics. _____
- Victoria rode the brown horse. _____
- Grandmother told good stories. _____

3. PASSIVE SENTENCES IN THE PRESENT CONTINUOUS.

- My daughter is drawing a tree. _____
- Students are not passing the tests. _____
- Jane is spending a lot of money. _____
- They are repairing my TV set. _____

4. PASSIVE SENTENCES IN THE PAST CONTINUOUS.

- We were eating some sandwiches. _____
- Teachers were preparing some exercises yesterday morning.
- She was playing football yesterday afternoon. _____

- I was looking after my brother in the evening. _____
- Were your parents reading the article? _____

5. PASSIVE SENTENCES IN THE PRESENT PERFECT AND PAST PERFECT.

- The thieves have stolen the ring. _____
- I have never drank mango juice. _____
- They had seen the film before I arrived. _____
- Peter had already repaired the car when she phoned. _____

6. PASSIVE SENTENCES WITH WILL AND GOING TO.

- We are going to buy the tickets. _____
- Don't worry! I will open the window. _____
- Jane is going to book the room at the hotel. _____



Rewrite the sentences in passive voice:

1. John **collects** money.
2. Anna **opened** the window.
3. We **have done** our homework.
4. I **will ask** a question.
5. He **can** cut out the picture.
6. We **don't clean** our rooms.
7. William **won't repair** the car.
8. **Did** Sue **draw** this circle?
9. **Could** you **feed** the dog?
10. The mechanic **repairs** cars.
11. The dog **didn't bite** the cat.
12. Frank **takes** photos.
13. My friend **bought** a new car.
14. Levi Strauss **invented** the blue jeans.
15. They **don't speak** English in this shop.
16. Kevin **asked** Dennis a question.
17. Somebody **built** the house last year.
18. She **gives** him a box.
19. Max **will look after** him.
20. The waiter **brought** Fred a big steak.
21. Somebody **broke into** our bungalow last Friday.
22. The teacher **told** us a joke.
23. They **will meet** Doris at the station.
24. Michael **hasn't sent** me the file.
25. I **can't** open this door!

Rewrite the sentences in Active voice:

1. The computer **is used** by Patrick.
2. The club **was founded** by Ron and Peggy.
3. The telephone **was invented** by Alexander Graham Bell.
4. Football **is played** by the children.
5. Coffee **is sold** by Marie.
6. The bus driver **was hurt**.
7. French **is spoken** in Niger.
8. Lots of houses **were destroyed**.

The passive voice with two objects:

- John **gave** a bar of chocolate to Jill.
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- I **lent** a pencil to Graham.
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- Finna has told the truth to Julian.
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- The **will offer** the job to Simon.

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- They **had sent** the email to John.

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- Lucy **threw** the ball to the child.

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- Sophie **sold** the car to a doctor.

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- I **asked** the question to David.

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