

Passive Voice

Subject + finite form of *to be* + Past Participle (3rd column of irregular verbs)

Examples of Passive ●●○○○

Tense		Subject	Verb	Object
Simple Present	<i>Active:</i>	Rita	writes	a letter.
	<i>Passive:</i>	A letter	is written	by Rita.
Simple Past	<i>Active:</i>	Rita	wrote	a letter.
	<i>Passive:</i>	A letter	was written	by Rita.
Present Perfect	<i>Active:</i>	Rita	has written	a letter.
	<i>Passive:</i>	A letter	has been written	by Rita.
Future I	<i>Active:</i>	Rita	will write	a letter.
	<i>Passive:</i>	A letter	will be written	by Rita.
Can	<i>Active:</i>	Rita	can write	a letter.
	<i>Passive:</i>	A letter	can be written	by Rita.

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Tense		Subject	Verb	Object
Present Continuous	<i>Active:</i>	Rita	is writing	a letter.
	<i>Passive:</i>	A letter	is being written	by Rita.
Past Continuous	<i>Active:</i>	Rita	was writing	a letter.
	<i>Passive:</i>	A letter	was being written	by Rita.
Past Perfect	<i>Active:</i>	Rita	had written	a letter.
	<i>Passive:</i>	A letter	had been written	by Rita.
Future II	<i>Active:</i>	Rita	will have written	a letter.
	<i>Passive:</i>	A letter	will have been written	by Rita.
Conditional I	<i>Active:</i>	Rita	would write	a letter.
	<i>Passive:</i>	A letter	would be written	by Rita.
Conditional II	<i>Active:</i>	Rita	would have written	a letter.
	<i>Passive:</i>	A letter	would have been written	by Rita.

Active Voice to Passive Voice Transformations

Put the following sentences into the passive voice or form.

1. They make shoes in that factory.

Shoes _____ in that factory.

2. People must not leave bicycles in the driveway.

Bicycles _____ in the driveway.

3. They built that skyscraper in 1934.

That skyscraper _____ in 1934.

4. The students will finish the course by July.

The course _____ by July.

5. They are repairing the streets this month.

The streets _____ this month.

6. They make these tools of plastic.

These tools _____ of plastic.

7. They have finished the new product design.

The new product design _____.

8. They were cooking dinner when I arrived.

Dinner _____ when I arrived.

9. Smithers painted 'Red Sunset' in 1986.

'Red Sunset' _____ in 1986 by Smithers.

10. Did the plan interest you?

_____ in the plan?

❖ **Have/has/had + been + past participle**

❖ **Will/would/can/could/shall/should/must/have to + be + past participle**