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Passive Voice

Passive Voice

Why use the Passive?

- **To emphasize the object or party receiving the action**
 - **Rebecca was selected for a free gift.**
- **To emphasize the action instead of the actor**
 - **Our car was repaired by our neighbor.**
- **When the agent (doer) is unknown or not important**
 - **Her house was broken into last night.**

Passive Voice

Structure

- **There are two main rules to **all** Passive Voice forms:**
 - 1. Add the verb “Be” in the same tense as the sentence in its active voice form**
 - 2. Use the Past Participle form of the main verb**

Passive Voice

Structure

She plays tennis.

- ***SIMPLE PRESENT TENSE*** – so use the *Simple Present tense of verb TO BE (am, is, are)*
- ***We must use PAST PARTICIPLE***

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TENNIS AM, IS, ARE PLAYED.

TENNIS IS PLAYED.

Passive Voice

Structure

- **LEARNING PASSIVE IN FIVE STEPS:**
- ***STEP ONE: Find OBJECT of the sentence.***

They are watching TV.

She bought a book.

They had called her.

Passive Voice

Structure

- **LEARNING PASSIVE IN FIVE STEPS:**
- ***STEP TWO: PUT THE MAIN VERB IN PAST PARTICIPLE FORM.***

They are watching TV.

watch - watched

She bought a book.

buy – bought

They had called her.

call - called

Passive Voice

Structure

- **LEARNING PASSIVE IN FIVE STEPS:**
- ***STEP THREE: USE VERB TO BE! THE FORM OF VERB TO BE DEPENDS ON THE TENSE OF THE ACTIVE SENTENCE!***

SIMPLE PRESENT - AM, IS, ARE

PRESENT CONTINUOUS - AM, IS, ARE + BEING

SIMPLE PAST - WAS, WERE

PAST CONTINUOUS - WAS, WERE + BEING

MODAL VERBS - CAN, COULD, SHOULD, MUST + BE

Passive Voice

Structure

In Continuous/Progressive tense sentences add the continuous form of “Be” which is “**being**”

- *Ex: More homes are **being** built this year.*

***IF THERE IS –ING IN ACTIVE SENTENCE
THERE MUST BE BEING IN PASSIVE
SENTENCE!***

***SHE IS WATCHING TV – TV IS **BEING** WATCHED.
THEY WERE BUILDING A HOUSE – A HOUSE WAS
BEING BUILT.***

Passive Voice

Structure

- **LEARNING PASSIVE IN FIVE STEPS:**
- **STEP FOUR: CHOOSE PLURAL OR SINGULAR FORM OF THE VERB DEPENDING ON THE SUBJECT OF THE PASSIVE SENTENCE:**

They are watching TV.

TV am, is, are being watched.

TV is being watched.

They called her.

She was were called.

She was called.

Passive Voice

Structure

- **LEARNING PASSIVE IN FIVE STEPS:**
- **STEP FIVE: ADD BY AT THE END OF THE SENTENCE IF NECESSARY.**

They are watching TV.

*TV **is** being watched **BY THEM.***

He called her.

*She **was** called **BY HIM.***

Passive Voice

Simple Present

ACTIVE

- I **walk** the dogs everyday.
- Millions of people **watch** the Super Bowl.

PASSIVE

- The dogs **are walked** everyday.
- The Super Bowl **is watched** by millions of people.

Passive Voice

Present Continuous

ACTIVE

- **I am walking the dogs.**
- **Millions of people are watching the Super Bowl.**

PASSIVE

- **The dogs are being walked.**
- **The Super Bowl is being watched by millions of people.**

Passive Voice

Simple Past

ACTIVE

- **I walked** the dogs.
- Millions of people **watched** the Super Bowl.

PASSIVE

- The dogs **were walked**.
- The Super Bowl **was watched** by millions of people.

Passive Voice

Past Continuous

ACTIVE

- **I was walking** the dogs.
- **Millions of people were watching** the Super Bowl.

PASSIVE

- **The dogs were being walked.**
- **The Super Bowl was being watched** by millions of people.

Passive Voice

Present Perfect

ACTIVE

- **I have walked the dogs.**

- **Millions of people have watched the Super Bowl.**

PASSIVE

- **The dogs have been walked.**

- **The Super Bowl has been watched by millions of people.**

Passive Voice

MODAL VERBS

ACTIVE

- I **must walk** the dogs.
- Millions of people **could watch** the Super Bowl.

PASSIVE

- The dogs **must be walked**.
- The Super Bowl **could be watched** by millions of people.

**Ready to put it into
practice?**

People **speak** English in many countries.

English **is spoken** in many countries.

Someone **has robbed** the bank.

The bank **has been robbed**.

Our teacher **is collecting** the projects tomorrow.

The projects **are being collected** tomorrow.

The tailor **should make** this suit for me.

This suit **should be made** for me.

Builders **must make** this house using mud.

This house **must be made** using mud .

Jill was painting the fence all day.

The fence was being painted.

Sue **bought** a silk dress for her sister's wedding.

A silk dress **was bought** by Sue.

The police **arrested** them yesterday.

They **were arrested** yesterday.

We **have asked** her to help with the housework.

She **has been asked** to help with the housework.

THE PASSIVE VOICE - summary

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SIMPLE PRESENT	AM, IS, ARE + PAST PARTICIPLE
PRESENT CONTINUOUS	AM, IS, ARE + BEING + PAST PARTICIPLE
SIMPLE PAST	WAS, WERE + PAST PARTICIPLE
PAST CONTINUOUS	WAS, WERE + BEING + PAST PARTICIPLE
PAST PERFECT	HAD + BEEN + PAST PARTICIPLE

THE PASSIVE VOICE - exercises

A. PUT THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES INTO THE PASSIVE VOICE.

1. They sell the magazines everywhere.

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2. William saw the accident.

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3. They must send it at once.

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4. She will send it by airmail.

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5. They have found the child at last.

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6. You can pay the bill later.

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THE PASSIVE VOICE - exercises

7. He is repairing his car.

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8. They were discussing the question when I entered.

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9. Shakespeare wrote "Hamlet".

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10. They are building a new bridge in the town.

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11. They will meet us at the station.

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12. He will give me a new book.

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13. People play basketball in our country.

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THE PASSIVE VOICE - exercises

14. An Englishman visited me.

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15. They sell CDs in this shop.

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16. You must develop this film as soon as possible.

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17. They will tell me the latest news.

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18. Somebody is building a garage here.

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19. They will laugh at you.

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20. You must invite John.

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THE PASSIVE VOICE - exercises

21. They were building some new roads when we returned.

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22. They will give the results in two days.

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23. They told me that he is not in town.

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24. His parents took him to hospital last night.

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25. We have informed them in time.

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26. You can post your letters here.

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27. He was watching her all the time.

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The image features a hypnotic spiral background composed of concentric circles in shades of red and black. The spiral starts from a dark blue/black center and expands outwards. Overlaid on this background is the text "That's all Folks!" written in a white, elegant cursive script. The text is positioned diagonally across the center of the spiral.

That's all Folks!

**THANK YOU FOR COMING!
SEE YOU NEXT WEEK.**

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