

# PASSIVE VOICE

There are two forms: active and passive.

If the subject of the sentence is the doer of the action, then it is active voice. Eg. The boy kicked the football.

If the person or thing denoted by the subject of a sentence is **the receiver of the action**, then that form is the passive voice.

**Eg. The football was kicked by the boy**

We form the passive voice with the verb **TO BE in the correct verbal tense AND THE PAST PARTICIPLE of the main verb**

The Direct object of the active sentence becomes the subject of the passive + verb to be and past pple of the main verb + by (agent)

Albert is cleaning the car ⇒ The car is being cleaned by Albert

## Usage

We use the passive when

1. we are more interested in the action than in who did the action
2. we don't know who did the action
3. we don't want to say who did the action

TENSE	ACTIVE VOICE	PASSIVE VOICE
Present Simple	Rosa teaches this class	This class is taught by Rosa
Present Continuous	Rosa is teaching this class	This class is being taught by Rosa
Present Perfect	Rosa has taught this class	This class has been taught by Rosa
Past Simple	Rosa taught this class	This class was taught by Rosa
Past Continuous	Rosa was teaching this class	This class was being taught by Rosa
Past Perfect	Rosa had taught this class	This class had been taught by Rosa
Future Simple	I will teach this class	This class will be taught
Future Perfect	I will have taught this class	This class will have been taught