

The Amazing Passive Voice!



A fun and easy guide

to understanding

Present Simple and Past Simple

PASSIVE VOICE

for Year 9 Students



What's the Passive Voice?

Imagine a sentence is like a little play on a stage!

Every play has actors and actions — but the spotlight isn't always on the same character.

1

Active Voice 🧑🏻‍🎤

The **SUBJECT (actor)** does the action. The focus is on **who** did it.

2

Passive Voice 🔍

We focus on **WHAT HAPPENED** to someone or something — not who did it.

Passive vs Active voice

Active

Subject

Action

Object

The dog

chased

the cat.

Passive

Object

Action

Subject

The cat

was chased

by the dog.



Active vs. Passive: A Simple Swap!



● Active

The dog chased the ball.

Dog = actor · chased = action


● Passive

The ball was chased by the dog.

The ball = what happened · was
chased = action

We move the thing that *receives* the action to the **beginning** of the sentence!



 YouTube



Active versus Passive Voice

This short video provides a brief introduction into the differences between active and passive voice when writing sentences. For other videos by Dr. Jodie Salter, visit...

How Do We Make It? In the Present Simple

Subject

am / is / are

Past Participle

📄 ● **Active:** Kids clean the classroom. ● **Passive:**
The classroom **is cleaned** by the kids.

The **past participle** is a special verb form: clean → **cleaned**
· eat → **eaten** · make → **made**

Use **is** for one thing and **are** for more than one!

More Present Simple Passive!

Birds

Active: *Birds build nests.*

Passive: **Nests are built** by birds.

The Chef

Active: *The chef makes pizza.*

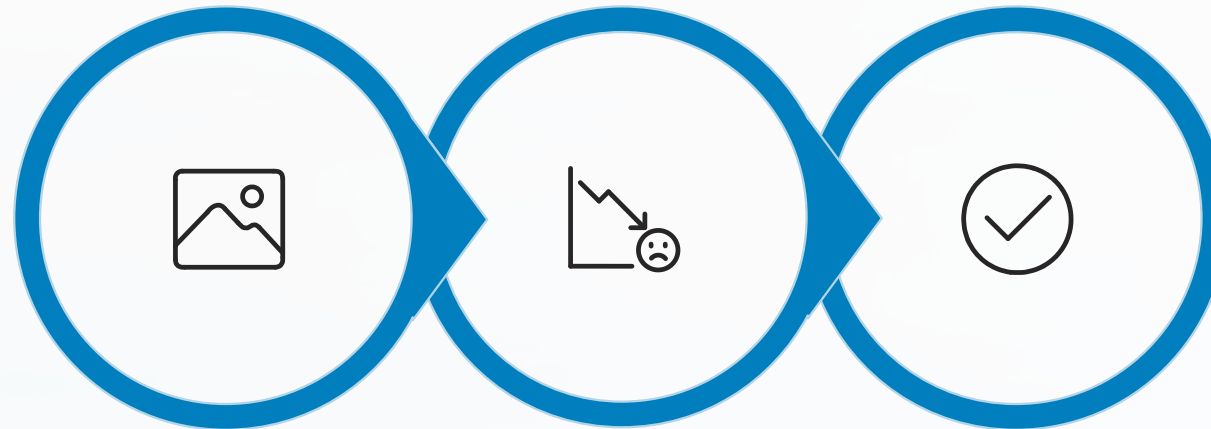
Passive: **Pizza is made** by the chef.

The Teacher

Active: *The teacher reads the story.* Passive: The story **is read** by the teacher.



How Do We Make It? In the Past Simple




Subject

was / were

Past
Participle



 **Active:** The artist painted the picture. ●

Passive: The picture **was painted** by the artist.

1

WAS

For **one** thing or person

2

WERE

For **more than one** thing
or person

More Past Simple Passive!



→ 🍪 Cookies

Active: *Children ate the cookies.*

Passive: **The cookies were eaten** by the children.

→ 📖 The Story

Active: *The teacher wrote the story.*

Passive: **The story was written** by the teacher.

Why Use the Passive Voice?



Unknown Doer

When we **don't know** who did it! *"My bike was stolen!"*



Focus on the Action

When **what happened** matters more than who did it. *"The cake was baked yesterday."*



Formal or Scientific

To sound more **formal** or professional. *"The experiment was conducted carefully."*

Let's Practice!



Fill in the blanks with the correct passive form. Can you get them all right?

1

Active → Passive (Past)

Active: *The cat chased the mouse.*

Passive: The mouse _____ by the cat.

Answer: **was chased**

2

Active → Passive (Present)

Active: *The students write the test.*

Passive: The test _____ by the students.

Answer: **is written**

Here you have some links to practise the Passive Voice!

 www.english-4u.de



Passive Voice – English Grammar Quiz | English4u

Choose the passive form (present simple or past simple) to complete the sentences – this is an online multiple choice quiz.

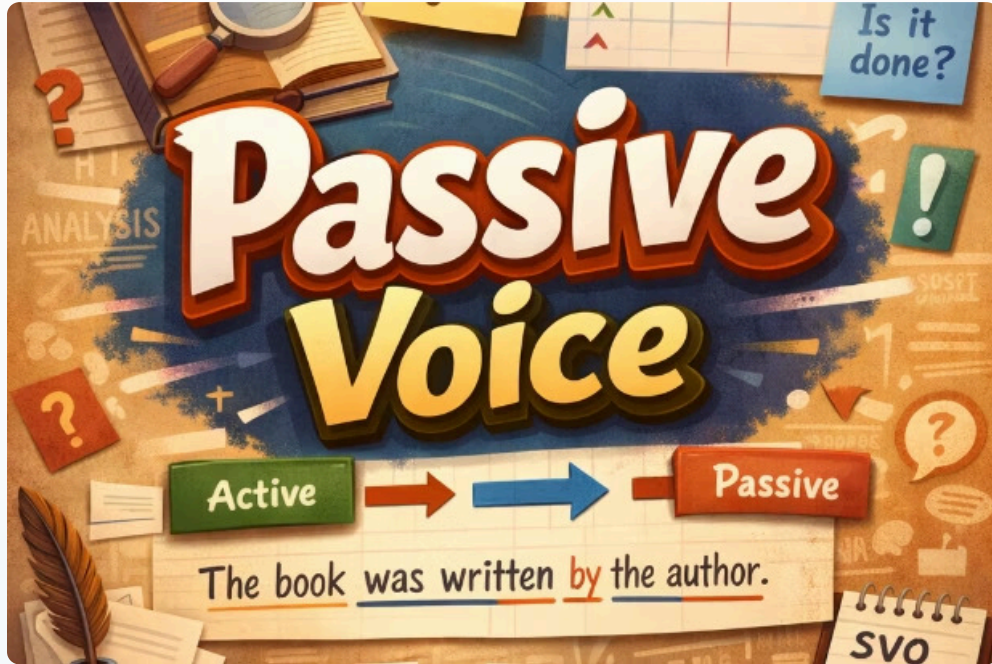
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Don't forget the Form & Use of Passive Voice!



Let's practise with a Kahoot Quiz...



[Click here](#)

You've Got It! 🎉

You've mastered the basics of the Passive Voice! Here's a quick recap:



Present Simple

am / is / are + past participle



Past Simple

was / were + past participle



Why Use It?

Focus on the **action**, not the doer!

Keep practising and you'll be a **Passive Voice pro** in no time! ✨



