

# PASSIVE VOICE

**PASSIVE VOICE:** Passive voice is used when the focus is on the action. It is not important or not known, however, who or what is performing the action.

**PRESENT SIMPLE TENSE**  
AM-IS-ARE + Past Participle of the Verb  
Sue waters the flowers.(active)  
Flowers are watered.(passive)

**PAST SIMPLE TENSE**  
WAS-WERE + Past Participle of the Verb  
Sue watered the flowers.(active)  
Flowers were watered.(passive)

## MAKE THESE SENTENCES PASSIVE

1. Mike brushes his shoes before school.  
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2. Claire knits nice jumpers for the kids.  
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3. Hans tidied his room last Wednesday.  
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4. Terry bought a new house in London.  
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5. Kelly doesn't speak English after school.  
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6. Meg drives her car slowly and carefully.  
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7. Pam read an adventure book last week.  
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8. Joseph answered the question correctly.  
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9. David doesn't know the way to harbour.  
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## CORRECT THESE SENTENCES

1. The telephone is invented by Alexander Graham Bell.....
2. The little boys are took to school by their parents every day.....
3. A blonde girl is seen in the police station yesterday.....
4. Delicious soup are served in this restaurant every morning.....
5. This project were made by Melinda last term.....
6. Nice books was written by this author last year.....

## FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH AM, IS, ARE or WAS, WERE

1. Good news ..... heard by everybody in the house yesterday.
2. The chicken ..... nicely cooked and all the guests thought it ..... wonderful.
3. Four people ..... killed by an angry neighbour in a pub last summer.
4. Her bed ..... usually made by her mother. She doesn't do it herself.
5. Our dogs ..... fed by my elder brother every morning.



## PASSIVE VOICE + BY SOMETHING or SOMEONE

If you use passive voice + by something or someone you can mention the subject or performer of the sentence as well.

## MAKE PASSIVE SENTENCES IN THE PRESENT SIMPLE

1. (the room/sweep/twice a day).....
2. (this shop/open/before 8:00).....
3. (nice cars/produce/in Germany).....
4. (more trees/cut down/day by day).....
5. (some animals/kill/in jungles).....
6. (big ships/make/in Tuzla).....
7. (milk/bring/to our house/every day).....
8. (new projects/make/in the company).....
9. (mobile phones/produce/in China).....
10. (pretty sandals/sell/here).....
11. (newspaper/find/in this shop).....

## MAKE PASSIVE SENTENCES IN THE PAST SIMPLE

1. (this song/sing/everywhere/in 1970).....
2. (flowers/plant/in this area).....
3. (strawberry/grow/in this town).....
4. (telephone/invent/in England).....
5. (my car/produce/in 2008).....
6. (the forest/burn down/in 1986).....
7. (this school/build/a decade ago).....
8. (your computer/infect/by a virus).....
9. (his television/fix/last weekend).....
10. (the apples/harvest/before Friday).....
11. (my clothes/wash/last night).....

## MAKE THESE SENTENCES ACTIVE

1. All the dishes were washed by my mother last night.  
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2. Nice clothes are produced in Turkey by some factories.  
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3. The suspects were seen by a group of boys near the bus  
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4. The house is cleaned by the maid every Saturday.  
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5. The house was demolished by the hurricane last night.  
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6. History books are read by the students in this class.  
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7. A nice dinner was prepared by the cook yesterday.  
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