

The Passive is used:



1. When the agent (=the person who does the action) is **unknown**, unimportant or obvious from the context.



This church was built in 1995.
(unimportant agent)



He has been arrested.
(obviously be the police)



Jane was called.
(we don't know who called)

Past
Simple

I drank tea.

Tea was drunk.

Present
Simple

I drink tea.

Tea is drunk.

Future
Simple

I will drink tea.

Tea will be drunk.

Simple

to be + V₃

Rewrite the newspaper headlines as complete sentences.

**FOOTBALLER OFFERED
MILLION FOR TRANSFER**

Perfect

to have + been + V₃

The footballer has been
offered a million pounds
for the transfer.



Present Perfect Passive

Fill in the correct passive form.



Now write

Simple
Continuous
Perfect
Modals

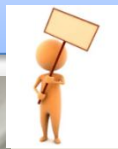
to be + V₃

to be + being + V₃

to have + been + V₃

modal + be + V₃

Write
the work.



Past Perfect Passive

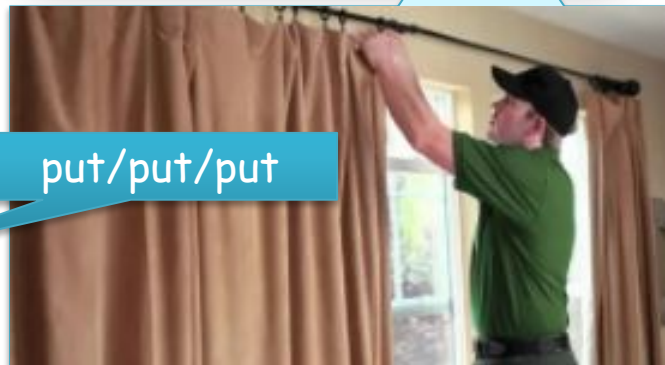
1. The windows had been cleaned (clean)



Past Continuous Passive

2. New curtains were being put up (put up)

put/put/put



Fill in the Passive in the appropriate form when the action is more important than the agent.



Simple	to be + V ₃
Continuous	to be + being + V ₃
Perfect	to have + been + V ₃
Modals	modal + be + V ₃

agent,



the agent

Milk/produce/cows

Present Simple Passive

Milk is produced by cows.

Fill in the Passive in the appropriate tense, then justify its use

action more important than t
emphasis on the age

Simple

to be + V₃

Continuous

to be + being+ V₃

Perfect

to have + been+ V₃

Modals

modal + be + V₃

gent,



The robber/arrest

Present Perfect Passive

The robber has been arrested.

Rewrite the newspaper headlines as complete sentences.

FIVE PEOPLE
INJURED
IN CAR
ACCIDENT

Simple

to be + V₃

Continuous

to be + being + V₃

Perfect

to have + been + V₃

Modals

modal + be + V₃

Passive

Five people have
been injured in a
car accident.



Fill in the Passive in the appropriate tense, then justify its use.

unknown agent, unimportant
the agent, action more imp

Simple

to be + V_3

Continuous

to be + being+ V_3

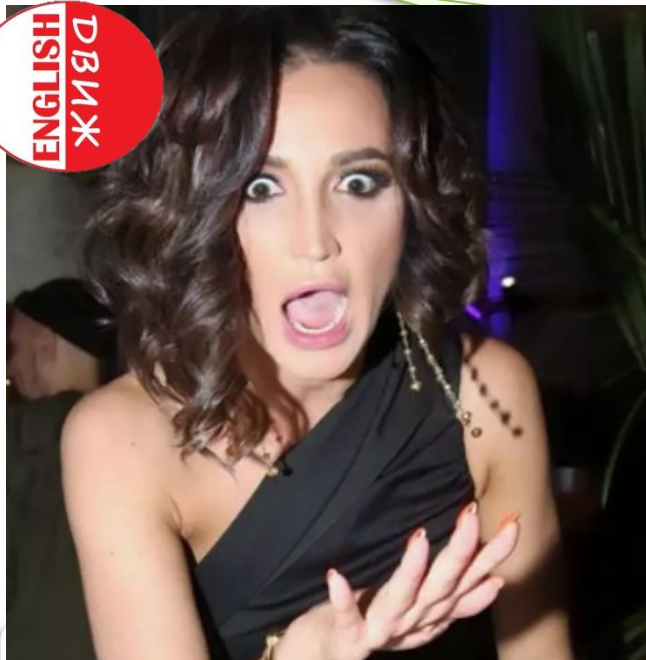
Perfect

to have + been+ V_3

Modals

modal + be + V_3

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Just/tell/the bad news

Present Perfect Passive

She's just been told the bad news.

Turn from Active into Passive.



A famous designer
will redecorate
hotel.



The hotel **will be**
redesigned by a
designer.

Future

Simple

to be + V_3

Continuous

to be + being + V_3

Perfect

to have + been + V_3

Modals

modal + be + V_3

Steven Spiel
directed "E.T."

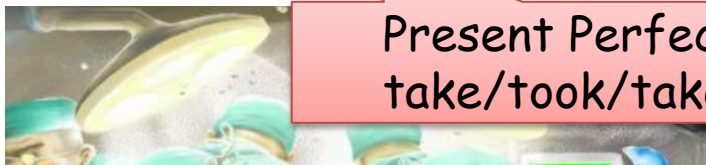
Past Simple



was directed
by Steven Spielberg.

Using the Passive, ask questions to which the bold type words are answers.

5. They **have taken** **his aunt** to hospital.



Present Perfect,
take/took/taken

Simple

to be + V₃

Continuous

to be + being+ V₃

Perfect

to have + been+ V₃

Modals

modal + be + V₃

His aunt **has been taken** to hospital

Who has been taken to hospital?



Turn from Active into Passive as in the example.

Her mother bought Mary some sweets.



more usual

Mary was bought some sweets
by her mother.

less usual

Some sweets were bought for
Mary by her mother.

