

# 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 + V<sub>3</sub>

Rewrite the newspaper headlines as complete sentences.

**FOOTBALLER OFFERED  
MILLION FOR TRANSFER**

Perfect

to have + been + V<sub>3</sub>

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



Present Perfect Passive

Fill in the correct passive form.



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Simple to be + V<sub>3</sub>

Continuous to be + being+ V<sub>3</sub>

Perfect to have + been+ V<sub>3</sub>

Modals modal + be + V<sub>3</sub>

Write  
the work.



### Past Perfect Passive

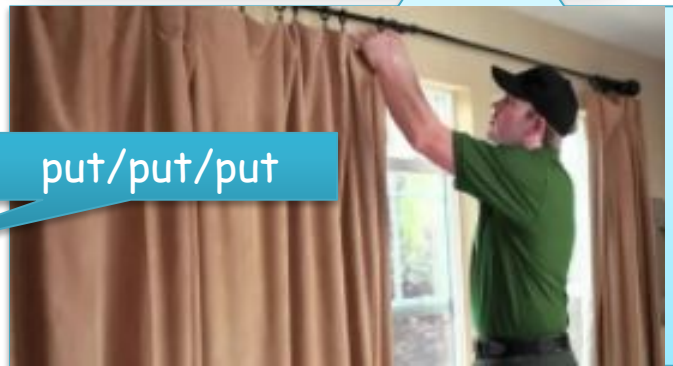
1. The windows ..... had been cleaned ..... (clean)



### Past Continuous Passive

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

put/put/put



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



Milk is produced by cows.

Simple to be + V<sub>3</sub>

Continuous to be + being + V<sub>3</sub>

Perfect to have + been + V<sub>3</sub>

Modals modal + be + V<sub>3</sub>

agent,



Milk/produce/cows

Present Simple Passive

the agent

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

action more important than the agent,  
emphasis on the agent

Simple to be + V<sub>3</sub>

Continuous to be + being + V<sub>3</sub>

Perfect to have + been + V<sub>3</sub>

Modals modal + be + V<sub>3</sub>



The robber/arrest

Present Perfect Passive

The robber has been arrested.

agent,



Rewrite the newspaper headlines as complete sentences.



FIVE PEOPLE  
INJURED  
IN CAR  
ACCIDENT

Simple

to be + V<sub>3</sub>

Continuous

to be + being + V<sub>3</sub>

Perfect

to have + been + V<sub>3</sub>

Modals

modal + be + V<sub>3</sub>

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<sub>3</sub>

Continuous

to be + being+ V<sub>3</sub>

Perfect

to have + been+ V<sub>3</sub>

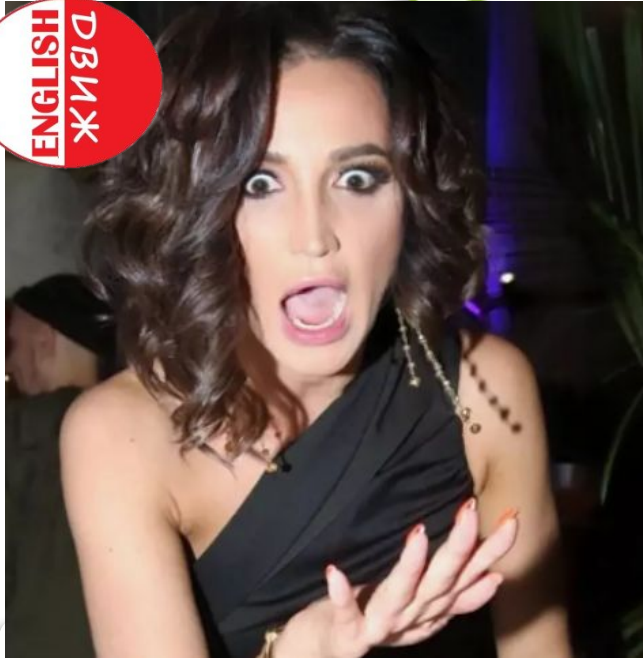
Modals

modal + be + V<sub>3</sub>

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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 Spielberg  
directed "E.T."

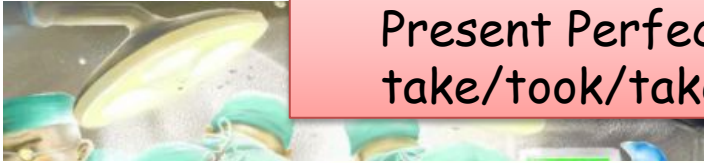
Past Simple



**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 + V<sub>3</sub>

Continuous to be + being+ V<sub>3</sub>

Perfect to have + been+ V<sub>3</sub>

Modals modal + be + V<sub>3</sub>

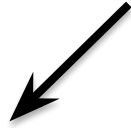
**His aunt has been taken** to hospital

**Who has been taken** to hospital?



Turn from Active into Passive as in the example.

Her mother bought Mary some sweets.



more usual

less usual

**Mary** was bought some sweets  
by her mother.

**Some sweets** were bought for  
Mary by her mother.

