

THE PASSIVE VOICE



THE ACTIVE VOICE

Подлежащее
He

Сказуемое
wrote

Дополнение
a book.

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Подлежащее
The book

Сказуемое
was written

Дополнение
him.

by

THE PASSIVE VOICE

to be



Participle II

Изменяе
мая
часть

Неизменяе
мая часть

The book is read.
The book was read.
The book will be read.

The books are read.
Are the books read?
The books are not read.

Exercise 1

1. More than 15 official languages **are spoken** in India.
2. A lot of texts of popular songs **are written** in English.
3. Sometimes Australia **is called** “the Lucky Country”.
4. Russian scientists **are known** all over the world.
5. A lot of Russian students **are given** stipends for studying in Western Universities every year.
6. Books of Russian writers **are read** in many countries.

Exercise 2

When mum came home, everything was in perfect order:

1. The carpet **was vacuum-cleaned**.
2. The dishes **were washed**.
3. The flowers **were watered**.
4. The rubbish **was taken** away.
5. The cat **was fed**.
6. The supper **was cooked**.

No wonder that Jane *was awarded* a ticket to her favourite group's show.

Give the 3 forms of the verbs:

начинать	begin		
ломать		broke	
забывать			forgotten
знать		knew	
учить			learnt
выбирать	choose		
давать	give		
слышать		heard	
видеть			seen
думать	think		
продавать		sold	
создавать			made
простираться	spread		
писать		wrote	
петь		sang	

Variant 1

Active	Passive
They <i>make</i> good cars in Germany.	Good cars <i>are made</i> in Germany.
1. They grow rice in China.	1. Rice <i>is grown</i> in China.
2. Bell <i>invented</i> the telephone.	2. The telephone was invented by Bell
3. Boys broke a window yesterday.	3. The window <i>was broken</i> by boys.
1. They <i>built</i> 5 new factories last year.	4. Five new factories were built last year.
1. They will translate this text into English	5. This text <i>will be translated</i> into English
1. Bell <i>didn't invent</i> the television	6. The television wasn't invented by Bell.

Variant 2

Active	Passive
They <i>make</i> good cars in Germany.	Good cars <i>are made</i> in Germany.
1. They cook porridge for breakfast.	1. Porridge <i>is cooked</i> for breakfast.
2. Mary <i>told</i> me everything.	2. I was told everything.
3. Boys stole a bike last Monday.	3. The bike <i>was stolen</i> by the boys.
4. We <i>decorated</i> the New Year Tree on Sunday.	4. The New Year Tree was decorated on Sunday.
5. They sell fresh Fruit here.	5. Fresh fruit <i>are sold</i> here.
6. He <i>will send</i> you a telegram in a week.	6. The telegram will be sent to you in a week.

The English language ...

- is spoken
- is used
- is widely spread
- is called the language of...

Most ... (famous songs, business letters, films, summits)

- are sung
- are written
- are made
- are held