

# Passive Voice

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- form: **to be** + **past participle** (-ed, 3.stípec)
  - it's used when the focus is on the action
  - it's not important who or what is performing the action, but the action itself is important
- The streets **are** cleaned.
  - Books **are** written.
  - House **is** built.

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- statement

□ Everyone **is** invited.

- negative

□ Some people **are not (aren't)** invited.

- question

□ **Is** everyone invited?

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- when rewriting active sentences in passive, the **object** of the **active** sentence becomes the **subject** of the **passive**

□ A: Somebody cleans this room every day.

OBJECT

□ P: This room is cleaned every day.

SUBJECT

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- the verb **BE** has to be in the same tense as in active sentence
  - A: Someone stole **my sister's bike** yesterday.
  - P: **My sister's bike** **was** stolen yesterday.
  - stole – past simple => BE = was/were
- to show who did the action, we use **BY**
  - This house was built **by** my grandfather.

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**I => me**

**she => her**

**you => you**

**he => him**

**we => us**

**they => them**

□ I opened the door. => The door was opened **by me**.

□ She cleans the room. => The room is cleaned **by her**.

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- if you are not sure how to form a passive sentence, think of the active sentence first

□ A: Someone stole my sister's bike yesterday.

□ P: My sister's bike was stolen yesterday.

# Passive Voice – present simple

- form: **am/is/are (not)**+ past participle
- The grandma **is** always invited.
- Many accidents **are** caused by dangerous driving.
- I'**m not** invited to parties.
- How many people **are** injured in car accidents every year?



# Passive Voice – past simple

- form: **was/were (not)** + past participle

□ This room **was** cleaned.

□ During the night we **were** woken up by a loud explosion.

□ When **was** the castle built?

□ This house **wasn't** damaged in the storm.

# Rewrite the sentences into passive

- 1. He opens the door.
- 2. We set the table.
- 3. Somebody lost the letter.
- 4. The bill includes service.
- 5. They invited uncle Adrian.

# Rewrite the sentences into passive

- 1. The door is opened by him.
- 2. The table was set by us.
- 3. The letter was lost by somebody.
- 4. Service is included in the bill.
- 5. Uncle Adrian was invited.

Write sentences from the words in brackets using passive voice – present

- 1. (the office/clean/every day)
- 2. (these rooms/clean/every day?)
- 3. (glass/make/from sand)
- 4. (stamps/sell/in a post office)
- 5. (this room/not/use/very often)
- 6. (we/allow/to park here?)
- 7. (how/this word/pronounce?)

Write sentences from the words in brackets using passive voice – present

- 1. The office is cleaned every day.
- 2. Are these rooms cleaned every day?
- 3. Glass is made from sand.
- 4. Stamps are sold in a post office.
- 5. This room is not (isn't) used very often.
- 6. Are we allowed to park here?
- 7. How is this word pronounced?

Write sentences from the words in brackets using the passive voice – past

1. (the house/paint/last month)
2. (three people/injure/in the accident)
3. (my bicycle/steal/a few days ago)
4. (when/this bridge/build?)
5. (you/invite/to the party/last week?)
6. (how/these windows/break?)
7. (I/not/wake up/by the noise)

Write sentences from the words in brackets using the passive voice – past

1. The house was painted last month.
2. Three people were injured in the accident.
3. My bicycle was stolen a few days ago.
4. When was this bridge built?
5. Were you invited to the party last week?
6. How were these windows broken?
7. I wasn't woken up by the noise.