# · Sara writes a letter. · A letter is written by Sara.

#### **GRAMMAR: The Passive Voice**









# Active: Sara writes a letter. Passive: A letter is written by Sara.

# Active: John cleaned the house yesterday. **Passive:** The house was cleaned by John yesterday.

# ("Be" takes the tense of the main verb in the active voice)

### **Active Voice**

# Subject + Verb + Object

### **Passive Voice**

**Object + be + Past Participle (main verb) + by + Subject** 



#### **Simple Present**

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#### **Present Continuous**

Simple Past

Past Continuous

**Present Perfect** 

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#### Active: Sara writes a letter.

#### Passive: A letter is written by Sara.

- Active: Sara is writing a letter now.
- Passive: A letter is being written by Sara now.
- Active: Sara wrote a letter yesterday.
- Passive: A letter was written by Sara yesterday.
- Active: Sara was writing a letter last night.
- Passive: A letter was being written by Sara last night.
- Active: Sara has written a letter recently.
- Passive: A letter has been written by Sara recently.



#### **Past Perfect**

# Active: Sara had written a letter. Passive: A letter had been written by Sara.

Future

#### Modals

#### **GRAMMAR:** Passive Voice

#### Active: Sara will write a letter tomorrow.

#### Passive: A letter will be written by Sara tomorrow.

#### Active: Sara can write a letter.

#### Passive: A letter can be written by Sara.

#### Active: Sara must write a letter.

#### Passive: A letter must be written by Sara.



#### Active: She writes a letter. Passive: A letter is written by her. Active: He cleaned the house yesterday. Passive: The house was cleaned by him yesterday. **Other Changes Passive Voice Active Voice** me him he her she we US they them



#### Write passive sentences in the simple present.

1. the document / print / Amine -The document *is printed* by Amine. 2. the windows / open / Sara 3. the house / sell / my father 4. the letters / not send / him 5. the book / not read / her

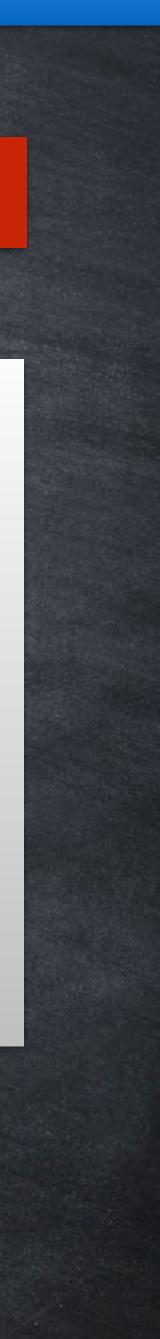




#### Write passive sentences in the simple present.

- 1. The document is printed by Amine.
- 2. The windows <u>are opened</u> by Sara.
- 3. The house is sold by my father.
- 4. The letters are not sent by him.
- 5. The book is not read by her.





#### Write passive sentences in the simple past.

#### **1.** the lesson / write / the student

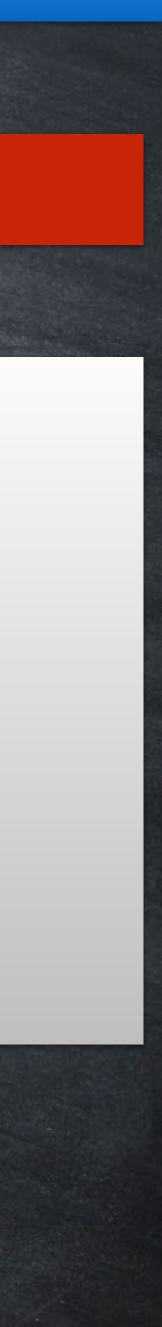
- The lesson was written by the student.
- 2. the lights / switch on / someone
- **3.** dinner / serve / on time
- 4. the tables / not clean / the children
- 5. the children / not pick up



#### Write passive sentences in the simple past.

# **1. The lesson was written by the student.** 2. The lights were switched on by someone. 3. Dinner <u>was served</u> on time. 4. The tables were not cleaned by the children. 5. The children were not picked up.





#### Write the sentences in the passive voice.

- 1. He opens the door. The door *is opened* by him.
- 2. A thief has stolen my car.
- 3. They didn't invite him.
- 4. My father is washing the car.
- 5. Jane will buy a new computer.
- 6. Everyone can visit the museum for free.
- 7. Amine was fixing my computer yesterday evening.



#### Write the sentences in the passive voice.

- 1. The door is opened by him.
- 2. My car has been stolen by a thief.
- 3. He wasn't invited (by them).
- 4. The car is being washed by my father.
- 5. A new computer will be bought by Jane.
- 6. The museum can be visited for free by everyone.
- 7. My computer was being fixed by Amine yesterday evening.



#### **Active or Passive Voice?** Simple Present or Simple Past.

The Statue of Liberty (give) to the United States by France. It (be) a present on the 100th anniversary of the United States. The Statue of Liberty (design) by Frederic Auguste Bartholdi. It (complete) in France in July 1884. In 350pieces, the statue then (ship) to New York, where it (arrive) on 17 June 1885. The pieces (put) together and the opening ceremony (take) place on 28 October 1886. The Statue of Liberty (be) 46 m high (93 m including the base). The statue (represent) the goddess of liberty. She (hold) a torch in her the Declaration of Independence July 4, 1776 (can/see). Every year, the Statue of Liberty (visit) by many recent of right hand and a tablet in her left hand. On the tablet, the date of

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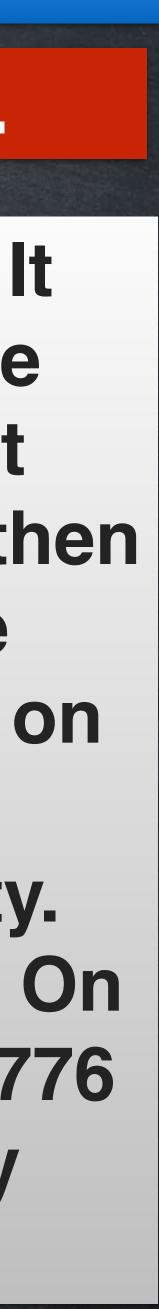
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#### **Active or Passive Voice? Simple Present or Simple Past.**

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### Put the sentences in the passive voice.

- 1. My grandfather built this house in 1943.
- 2. Da Vinci painted the Mona Lisa.
- 3. The cleaner has cleaned the office.
- 4. He had written three books before 1867.
- 5. John will tell you later.
- 6. By this time tomorrow we will have signed the deal.



### Put the sentences in the passive voice.

1. Somebody should do the work. 2. The traffic might have delayed Jimmy.
3. People speak Portuguese in Brazil.
4. Everybody loves Mr Brown. 5. At six o'clock, someone was telling a story. 6. Somebody has drunk all the milk!

