

GRAMMAR: The Passive Voice

- Sara writes a letter.
- A letter is written by Sara.



- John cleaned the house yesterday.
- The house was cleaned by John yesterday.

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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.

Active Voice

Subject + Verb + Object

Passive Voice

Object + be + Past Participle (main verb) + by + Subject
("Be" takes the tense of the main verb in the active voice)

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Simple Present

Active: Sara writes a letter.

Passive: A letter is written by Sara.

Present Continuous

Active: Sara is writing a letter now.

Passive: A letter is being written by Sara now.

Simple Past

Active: Sara wrote a letter yesterday.

Passive: A letter was written by Sara yesterday.

Past Continuous

Active: Sara was writing a letter last night.

Passive: A letter was being written by Sara last night.

Present Perfect

Active: Sara has written a letter recently.

Passive: A letter has been written by Sara recently.

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Past Perfect

Active: Sara had written a letter.

Passive: A letter had been written by Sara.

Future

Active: Sara will write a letter tomorrow.

Passive: A letter will be written by Sara tomorrow.

Modals

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.

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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	
Active Voice	Passive Voice
I	me
he	him
she	her
we	us
they	them

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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



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2. The windows are opened by Sara.
3. The house is sold by my father.
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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



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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 was served on time.
4. The tables were not cleaned by the children.
5. The children were not picked up.




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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.

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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.
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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.**
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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!**

