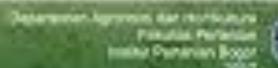


PASSIVE VOICE

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Use of Passive

- Passive <u>voice</u> is used when the focus is on the action. It is not important or not known, however, who or what is performing the action. Example: My bike was stolen. In the example above, the focus is on the fact that my bike was stolen. I do not know, however, who did it.
- Sometimes a statement in passive is more polite than <u>active voice</u>, as the following example shows:

Example: A mistake was made.

In this <u>case</u>, I focus on the fact that a mistake was made, but I do not blame anyone (e.g. You have made a mistake.).

Form of Passive

 Subject + finite form of to be + Past Participle (3rd column of <u>irregular verbs</u>)

Example: A letter was written.

When rewriting active sentences in passive voice, note the following:

- the object of the active sentence becomes the subject of the passive sentence
- the finite form of the verb is changed (to be + past participle)
- the subject of the active sentence becomes the object of the passive sentence (or is dropped)

Examples of Passive ...

Tense		Subject	Verb	Object
Simple Present	Active:	Rita	writes	a letter.
	Passive:	A letter	is written	by Rita.
Simple Past	Active:	Rita	wrote	a letter.
	Passive:	A letter	was written	by Rita.
Present Perfect	Active:	Rita	has written	a letter.
	Passive:	A letter	has been written	by Rita.
Future I	Active:	Rita	will write	a letter.
	Passive:	A letter	will be written	by Rita.
Hilfsverben	Active:	Rita	can write	a letter.
	Passive:	A letter	can be written	by Rita.

Examples of Passive....

Tense

Passive:

Active:

Active:

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Present Progressive	Active:	Rita	is writing	a letter.
	Passive:	A letter	is being written	by Rita.
Past Progressive	Active:	Rita	was writing	a letter.
	Passive:	A letter	was being written	by Rita.
Past Perfect	Active:	Rita	had written	a letter.
	Passive:	A letter	had been written	by Rita.
Future II	Active:	Rita	will have written	a letter.

A letter

Rita

Rita

Subject

Verb

will have been

written

would write

would have

written

A letter would have been by Rita.

A letter would be written

Object

by Rita.

a letter.

by Rita.

a letter.

Conditional I

Conditional II

Exercise

- Change the active to the passive if possible
 - 1. Hamida has suggested a new idea
 - 2. We will invite Anna to party

Thank you for your attention and we forgive what if there is an error