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Passive voice

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Passive voice

- is used when the agent of the action is not mentioned or important.
- When we want to say who did the action, we use *by*.
- *Form:* be + past participle, e.g. **is built**

Present simple, present continuous

Active

- They **deliver** the newspaper every morning.
- The local newspaper **is interviewing** her at the moment.

Passive

- The newspaper **is delivered** every morning.
- She's **being interviewed** by the local newspaper at the moment.

Past simple, past continuous

Active

- Simon **booked** the tickets yesterday.
- When **did** he **buy** the tickets?
- We did some shopping while they **were washing** our car.

Passive

- The tickets **were booked** by Simon yesterday.
- When **were** the tickets **bought**?
- We did some shopping while our car **was being washed**.

Present perfect simple, present perfect continuous

- They **haven't repaired** the motorway yet.
- The motorway **hasn't been repaired** yet.
- We **have been reconstructing** our house for three months.
- Our house **has been being reconstructed** for three months.

Past perfect

Active

- They **had invited** me to the party but I didn't go.
- Chef Jones **had been preparing** the restaurant's fantastic dinners for two years before he moved to Paris.

Passive

- I **had been invited** to the party but I didn't go.
- The restaurant's fantastic dinners **had been being prepared** by Chef Jones for two years before he moved to Paris.

Future, future continuous, future perfect

Active

- We **will inform** passengers of any delay as soon as possible.
- The manager **is going to ask** you some questions.
- At 8:00 PM tonight, John **will be washing** the dishes.
- He **will have interviewed** her by 6 o'clock.

Passive

- Passengers **will be informed** of any delay as soon as possible.
- You **are going to be asked** some questions by the manager.
- At 8:00 PM tonight, the dishes **will be being washed** by John.
- She **will have been interviewed** by 6 o'clock.

Passive infinitives and –ing forms

- I want **to be paid** now. John hates **being rushed**.
- I can't stand **being insulted** in public like that.
- They refused **to be interviewed**.
- He was believed **to be promoted**.
- He was said **to have been looked after** by his granny in his younger days.
- Which part of the text mentions **being teased**?

Passives after modal verbs

- People **need to be educated** about the benefits of recycling.
- All essays **should be left** on my desk.
- Bicycles **may not be parked** against these railings.

get-passives

- *Often used to talk about bad things that happen, unexpected events*
- My suitcase **got stolen** at the airport.
- We never **get invited** to the parties.
- My sister **got bitten** by a dog yesterday.

Look out!

Some verbs are not used in passive

*e. g. appear, disappear, consist, seem, fit, suit,
have, let*

Complete the sentences using passive or active forms of verbs in brackets

- We can't go along this footpath because the canal (repair).
- The story I've just read (write) Agatha Christie.
- Some film stars(say) to be difficult to work with.
- The meeting(hold) next Tuesday.
- Sarah is happy because she (give) a pay rise.
- Today I (suppose) to go to the Anti- Bedroom-Tax protest.
- The outdoor shop, I (report) on, is not going to (close) after all.

Answer key

- We can't go along this footpath because the canal **is being repaired**.
- The story I've just read **was written** by Agatha Christie.
- Some film stars **are said** to be difficult to work with.
- The meeting **is going to be held** next Tuesday.
- Sarah is happy because she **has been given** a pay rise.
- Today I **am/was supposed** to go to the Anti-Bedroom-Tax protest.
- The outdoor shop, I **reported** on, is not going to **close** after all.

Zdroje

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