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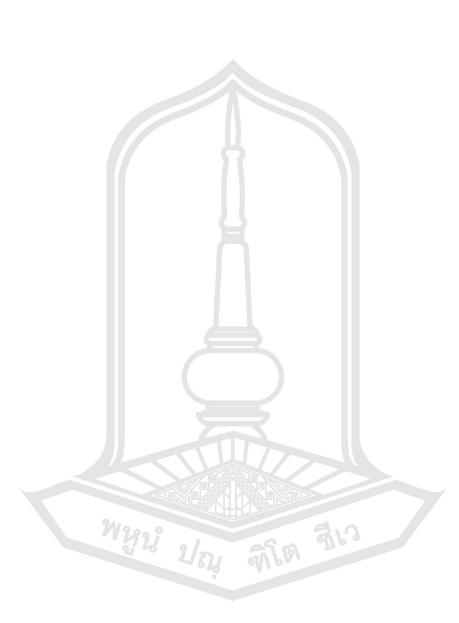




ACTIVE VOICE

Present Simple Tense





The 12 Verb Tenses

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| | Past | Present | Future |
|-----------------------|---|--|--|
| Simple | I <i>ate</i> pizza yesterday. S+Vr+O | I <i>eat</i> pizza everyday. S+Vi+O | I <i>will eat</i> pizza tomorrow. S+'wil'+V+O |
| Continuous | I <i>was eating</i> pizza when you arrived. S + 'was/were' + (V+ing) + O | I <i>am eating</i> pizza right now. S + 'am/is/are' + (V+ing) + O | I <i>will be eating</i> pizza when you arrive. S + 'will be' + (V+ing) + O |
| Perfect | I <i>had eaten</i> all of the pizza when you arrived. S + "had" + V ₃ + O | I <i>have eaten</i> all of the pizza. S + 'have/has' + V ₂ + O | I <i>will have eaten</i> all of the pizza by the time you arrive. S + 'will have' + V ₅ + O |
| Perfect Continuous | I <i>had been eating</i> pizza for 2 hours when you arrived. S + 'had been' + (V+ing) + O | I <i>have been eating</i> pizza for 2 hours. S + 'have/has been' + (V+ing) + 0 | I will have been eating pizza for 2 hours when you arrive. S + 'will have been' + (V+ing) + O |

O = Object

V = Verb (V₁ = present / V₂ = past / V₃ = past participle)

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S = Subject

Legend:

- The passive voice is used to show interest in the person or object that experiences an action rather that the person or object performs the action.
- In other words, the most important thing or person becomes the subject of the sentence.

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- The passive voice *is used* frequently. (= we are interested in the passive voice, not in who uses it.)
- The house was built in 1654. (= we are interested in the house, not in who built it.)
- The road *is being repaired*. (= we are interested in the road, not in the people who are doing the repairs.)

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 The passive voice is often used in formal texts. Switching to the active voice will make your writing clearer and easier to read.



| Passive | Active | |
|--|--|--|
| A great deal of meaning <i>is conveyed</i> by a few well-chosen words. | A few well-chosen words convey a great deal of meaning. | |
| Our planet <i>is wrapped</i> in a mass of gases. | A mass of gases <i>wrap</i> around our planet. | |
| Waste materials <i>are disposed</i> of in a variety of ways. | The city <i>disposes</i> of waste material in a variety of ways. | |





 If we want to say who or what performs the action while using the passive voice, we use the preposition by. When we know who performed the action and are interested in him, it is always better to switch to the active voice instead.

| Passive | Active |
|---|--|
| "A Hard Day's Night" <i>was written by</i> the Beatles. | The Beatles <i>wrote</i> "A Hard Day's Night". |
| The movie ET <i>was directed</i> by Spielberg. | Spielberg <i>directed</i> the movie ET. |
| This house <i>was built by</i> my father. | My father <i>built</i> this house. |





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Forming the passive voice

- The passive voice in English is composed of two elements:
- The appropriate form of the verb 'to be' + past participle

| Affirmative | Negative | Interrogative | Negative Interrogative |
|---|--|--|---|
| The house <i>was</i> <i>built</i> in 1899. | The house <i>wasn't built</i> in 1899. | <i>Was</i> the house <i>built</i> in 1899? | <i>Wasn't</i> the house <i>built</i> in 1899? |
| These houses <i>were built</i> in 1899. | These houses <i>weren't built</i> in 1899. | <i>Were</i> these houses <i>built</i> in 1899? | <i>Weren't</i> these houses <i>built</i> in 1899? |

Passive voice with infinitives

- The infinitive passive voice is used after modal verbs and other most verbs normally followed by an infinitive.
- You *have to be tested* on your English grammar.
- John *might be promoted* next year.
- She wants to be invited to the party.
- I expect to be surprised on my birthday.
- You may be disappointed.

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Present Simple

- Active Voice
 - S + V1 + O
- Passive Voice
 - S + is/am/are + V3 (past participle)



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Active / Passive

| Active Voice | Passive Voice | |
|--|---|--|
| | | |
| I teach English. | English is <i>taught</i> by me. | |
| Once a week, Tom <i>cleans</i> the house. | Once a week, the house <i>is cleaned</i> by Tom. | |
| A mass of gases wrap around our planet. | Our planet <i>is wrapped</i> in a mass of gases. | |
| My father build this house. | This house <i>is built</i> by my father. | |
| Sony <i>makes</i> this computer. | It 's made by Sony. This computer is made by Sony. | |
| She <i>writes</i> a story. | A story is written by her. | |
| I <i>keep</i> the butter in the fridge. | The butter <i>is kept</i> in the fridge. | |
| We <i>love</i> our country. | Our country <i>is loved</i> by us. | |
| Carpenters <i>make</i> furniture. | Furniture <i>is made</i> by carpenters. | |
| Doctors <i>treat</i> patients. | Patients <i>are treated</i> by doctors. | |

Write passive sentence in Present Simple.

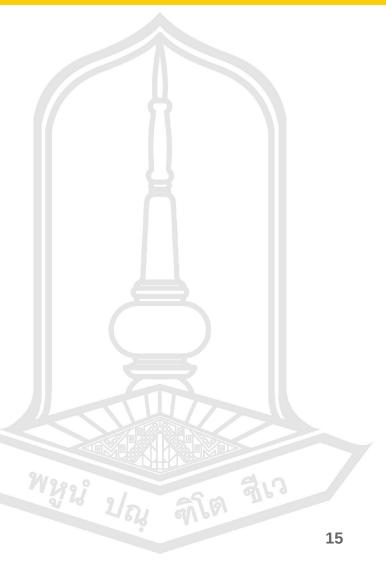
- the documents / print
 - The documents **are printed**.
- the window / open
- the shoes / buy
- the car / wash
- the litter / throw away
- the letter / send

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Write passive sentence in Present Simple.

- the book / read / not
 The book *is not read*.
- the songs / sing / not
- the food / eat / not
- the shop / close / not





- The documents are printed.
 - Subject + is/are + past participle
 - Plural, that's why we use 'are'
 - Past participle of regular verbs: just add 'ed'



- The window *is opened*.
- The car *is washed*.
- The litter *is thrown* away.
- The letter *is sent*.



- The book *is not read*.
 - Subject + is/are + not + past participle
 - Singular, that's why we use 'is'
 - Past participle of irregular verbs: 3rd column of irreg. verbs



- The songs *are not sung*.
 - Past participle of irregular verbs: 3rd column of irreg. verbs
- The food *is not eaten*.
- The shop *is not closed*.



Exercise on Passive Voice - Present Simple

- He opens the door.
 - The door is opened by him.
- We set the table.
- She pays a lot of money.
- I draw a picture.
- They wear blue shoes.
- They don't help you.
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Exercise on Passive Voice - Present Simple

- He doesn't open the book.
- You do not write the letter.
- Does your mum pick you up?
- Does the police officer catch the thief?

- The door *is opened* by him.
- The table *is set* by us.
- A lot of money *is paid* by her.
- A picture *is drawn* by me.
- Blue shoes are worn by them.
- The book is not opened by him.

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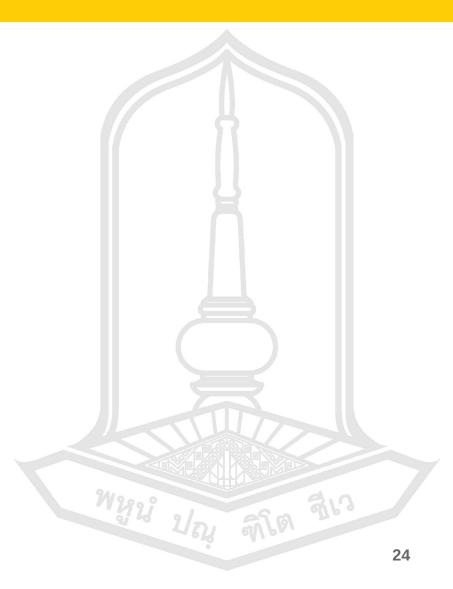
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- The letter *is not written* by you.
- Are you picked up by your mum?
- Is the thief caught by the police officer?



Brainstorming

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