

This is a summary of a video you have to watch to understand the new topic **PASSIVE VOICE**

Here's the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nkAyggAM1q4>

Please, watch the video completely at least once (as it's not an easy topic) and pay attention to the most important information facts highlighted in this file.

THE PASSIVE VOICE

WHAT'S THE POINT OF THE PASSIVE VOICE?

- you don't want to say who or what did the action
- you don't know who did the action
- the object is the most important part of the sentence

THE ACTIVE VOICE:

The children ate the cake

Subject + Verb + object



THE PASSIVE VOICE:

The cake was eaten by somebody!

English speakers often use **the passive voice**.

The passive voice is frequently used by English speakers.

You'll often read passive sentences in newspapers when the journalist can't say who did something.

Expressions in the passive voice we already know:

- (to) be born: I **was born** on June 23rd, 1989
- He **is called** Tony
- "The Stand" **was written** by Stephen King.
- "Deadpool" **was directed** by Tim Miller
- The national anthem **was sung** by Fergie.
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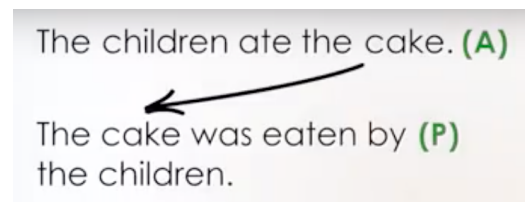
IF YOU SEE THE BE VERB "TO BE" FOLLOWED BY THE PAST PARTICIPLE FORM, YOU KNOW THAT THIS IS A PASSIVE SENTENCE.

Structure:

If the active sentence is: “The children ate the cake”, the passive sentence is “The cake was eaten by the children”.

The **object** of the active sentence becomes the **subject** in the passive sentence.

To make the object of the active sentence become the subject we need to change a few things in our sentence.



We need to use the Passive tense. There are **6 steps** to turn an active sentence into a passive one.

Step 1: Identify the subject, the verb and the object. (A)

Step 2: Move the object to become the new subject of the sentence. (P)

Step 3: What is the verb tense in the ACTIVE sentence? (VERY IMPORTANT TO MAKE THE PASSIVE SENTENCE CORRECTLY)

Step 4: Conjugate the verb “BE” so that it’s in the same tense as the main verb in the active sentence. Pay attention to the new subject to conjugate it perfectly.

Step 5: Add the past participle of the main verb after “be”.

Step 6: Decide what to do with the SUBJECT of the active sentence. In the passive voice you don’t have to include the person/thing that is doing the action. You can completely remove that former subject from your sentence and that’s helpful if you DON’T KNOW WHO DID THE ACTION, DON’T WANT TO SAY WHO WAS OR YOU DON’T CARE BECAUSE IT’S NOT IMPORTANT.

But you can add it at the end of the sentence with the word “BY” in the case it’s necessary (in the case of DISCOVERIES, INVENTIONS, WORKS OF ART, for instance).

The verb “BE” is always there to describe WHEN something happened and it also conjugates with the SUBJECT.
The verb “BE” is always followed by the PAST PARTICIPLE.



DO THE REVISION PART AT THE END OF THE VIDEO, JUST STOP IT TO GUESS THE POSSIBLE ANSWER BEFORE THE TEACHER GIVES YOU THE ANSWER.

REMEMBER!!

The **PASSIVE** form always includes the verb **TO BE** + the **PAST PARTICIPLE** form of the principal verb. If you need to include any information about **WHO** or **WHAT** did the action use **BY**.