

Equipment and instruments of dental clinic(The Passive Voice)

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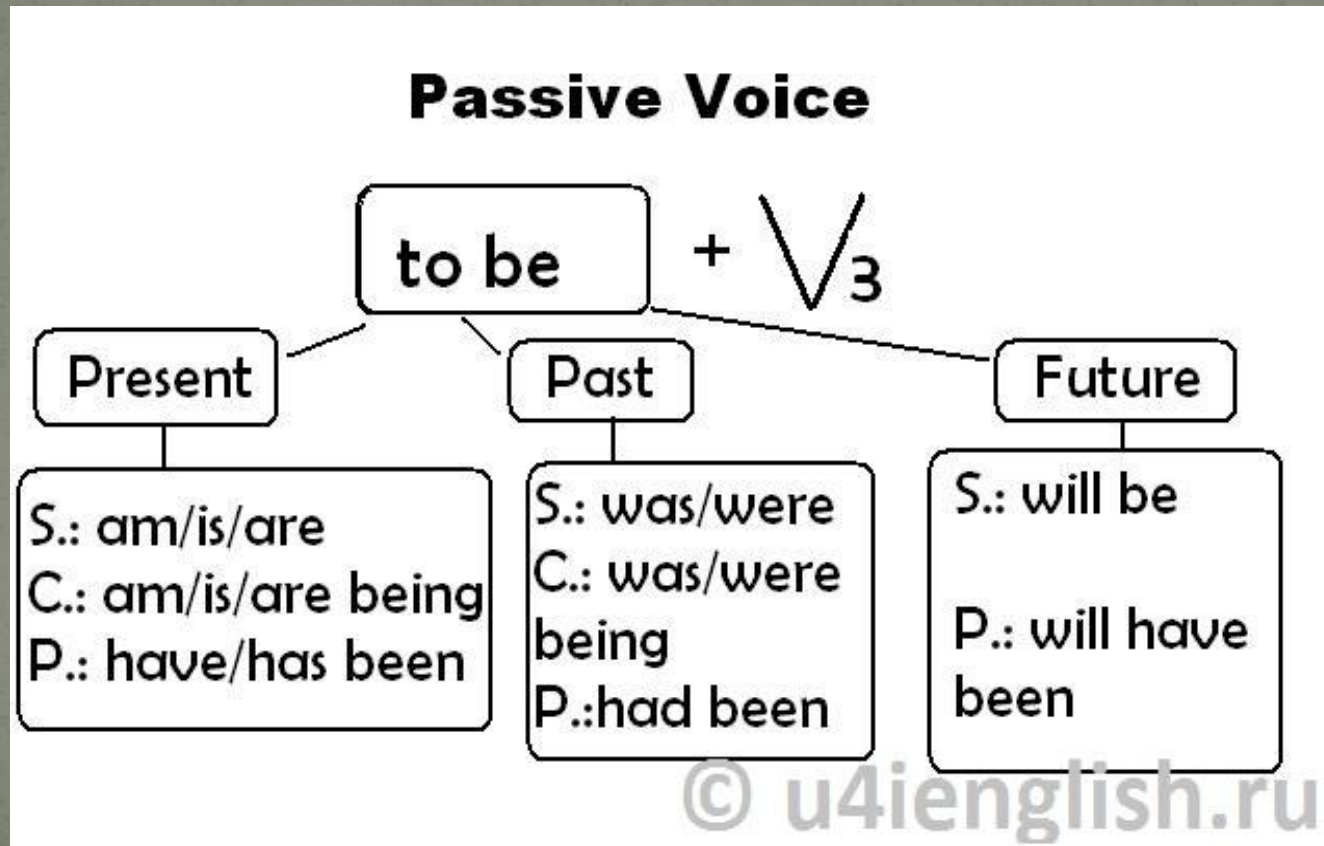
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Form of Passive voice

- Subject + finite form of *to be* + Past Participle

Example: Endodontics were used by the doctor to treat my root canals.



Form of Passive voice

- When rewriting active sentences in passive voice, note the following:
 1. the object of the active sentence becomes the subject of the passive sentence
 2. the finite form of the verb is changed (*to be* + past participle)
 3. the subject of the active sentence becomes the object of the passive sentence (or is dropped)

Example: I was surprised to hear that Harry was advised to do an incision with surgical tools , not with an electrocauter ART.

Personal Passive

- *Personal Passive* simply means that the object of the active sentence becomes the subject of the passive sentence. So every verb that needs an object (transitive verb) can form a personal passive.

Example: Doctor Zayn used apex locator to determine the position of apical foramen

The position of apical foramen was used by Doctor Zayn, who used apex locator

Impersonal Passive

- Verbs without an object (intransitive verb) normally can't form a personal passive sentence (as there is no object that can become the subject of the passive sentence). If you want to use an intransitive verb in passive voice, you need an impersonal construction.

Example: She says she uses dental mirrors every day
It is said that dental mirrors are used by her every day.

