



# WE USE PASSIVE VOICE WHEN:

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- WE DON'T KNOW WHO DID IT;
- WE ARE INTERESTED IN WHAT HAPPENS, NOT WHO IT IS DONE BY;
- THE SITUATION IS RATHER FORMAL.

# HOW TO FORM THE PASSIVE VOICE

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TO BE + V<sub>3</sub>

# SIMPLE PASSIVE

❑ PRESENT: **AM/IS/ARE +V<sub>3</sub>**

*Newspapers ~~are brought~~ in the morning.*

❑ PAST: **WAS/WERE +V<sub>3</sub>**

*Two poems were learnt yesterday.*

❑ FUTURE: **SHALL/WILL BE +V<sub>3</sub>**

*These letters ~~will be sent~~ tomorrow.*

# MODAL VERBS + PASSIVE VOICE

CAN (COULD)  
MAY (MIGHT)

MUST

HAVE TO

SHOULD

OUGHT TO

**BE + V<sub>3</sub>**

*Such books can't be devoured.*

*The report must be translated into Russian.*

# CONTINUOUS PASSIVE

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- PRESENT: **AM/IS/ARE + BEING + V<sub>3</sub>**

*Excuse the mess. The house is being painted.*

- PAST: **WAS/WERE + BEING + V<sub>3</sub>**

*We couldn't get inside. The floor was being washed.*

- FUTURE: **.....**

# PERFECT PASSIVE

- PRESENT: **HAVE/HAS + BEEN + V<sub>3</sub>**

*Her latest book has been published recently.*

- PAST: **HAD + BEEN + V<sub>3</sub>**

*All the letters had been typed by yesterday evening.*

- FUTURE: **SHALL/WILL HAVE + BEEN + V<sub>3</sub>**

*The new bill ~~will have been passed~~ by the end of this <sup>year</sup>.*

## CHANGE THE SENTENCES INTO PASSIVE.

1. Nobody has used this room for ages.
2. We will give you the keys tomorrow.
3. Someone is interviewing Dr Johnson at the moment.
4. By the time I arrived, someone had already opened all your letters.
5. They will have translated the article by that time.
6. Will she post the letters on time?
7. The children were playing a new computer game the whole evening.
8. Scientist should solve the problem of industrial waste as soon as possible.
9. When did they pack all their things?



# CHOOSE THE RIGHT ITEM.

**1. This theatre ... (build) over 100 years ago.**

- a. had been built      b. has been built      c. was built*

~~**2. Is your car still for sale? — No. It ... already (sell).**~~

- a. has been sold      b. had been sold      c. was sold*

**3. Where is your friend Bob? — — I don't know. He ... (not/ seen) recently.**

- a. hasn't seen      b. didn't see      c. hasn't been seen*

**4. For the past few days I (work) in Jack's office, as my own ... (decorate).**

- a. have been working/ is being decorated      b. worked/ decorated*  
*c. am worked/ is being decorated.*

**5. While my friend ... (talk) to me, his wallet .. (steal).**

- a. was being talked/ was being stolen      b. was talking/ was stolen*  
*c. talked/stole*

**6. If someone ... (report) you to the police, you ... (make) to pay a big fine.**

- a. reports/ will be made      b. will report/ will make*  
*c. is reported/ will be made*

**7. Sometimes mistakes ... (make).**

- a. are made      b. are being made.      c. have been made*