

Passive voice

Usage

- **When the person is unknown, unimportant or obvious**
- **The action is more important than the person**
- **Unpleasant event (avoiding responsibility)**
- **Formal or polite style**

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Formation

“To be” + Participle 2

Am/is/are V3 (Ved)

Am/is/are **being** V3(Ved)

Have/has been V3(Ved)

Was/were.....

Active voice



Passive voice

Present simple

make



• **Am/is/are** made

• **Present continuous**

Am/is/are making



• **Am/is/are being** made

• **Present perfect**

Have/has made



• **Have/has been** made

Active voice



Passive voice

Past simple

made



• **Was/were** made

• **Past continuous**

Was/were making



• **Was/were being** made

• **Past perfect**

Had made



• had **been** made

Active voice



Passive voice

Future simple

Will make



• **Will be** made

• **Future perfect**

Will have made



• **Will have been** made

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- **The food was cooked.**
- **The shirt is being washed.**
- **The criminal has been arrested.**
- **Hundreds of people were injured in the plane crash.**
- **Trespassers will be prosecuted.**

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By or with

- **BY** who or what carries out an action
- **WITH** what is used by the agent

The photo was taken **by** my brother.

The photo was made **with** a digital camera.