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Passive Voice

Why do we use it?

What for?



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- Unknown or unimportant author
- Focus on the action



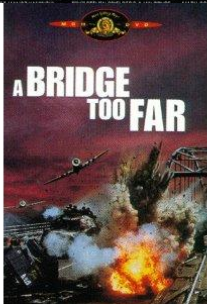
- He took this photo.



- This photo was taken by him.

- The person or thing performing the action is not important.

Too many films **have been made** about the **Second World War**.



How is the passive formed?

be + past participle

The form of be shows the tense.

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Be + past participle

sell - sold - **sold** / build - built - **built**

- Original paintings **are sold** for lots of money.
- Those pyramids **were built** around 400 AD.



The agent

If you want to name those who perform (ed) the action we use

a by-phrase.

“Sunflowers” was painted

by Van Gogh.



Which tense are they in?

The form of be shows the tense.

- The portrait was drawn by a street artist.
- The portrait is being drawn by a street artist.
- The portrait will be drawn by a street artist.

Which one is
the most
adequate?



The portrait was drawn by a street artist.

The portrait is being drawn by a street artist.

The portrait will be drawn by a street artist.

Passive voice tenses

ACTIVE > PASSIVE

+ be + past participle

- Present simple - give - **am / is / are given**
- Past simple - gave - ***was* / *were* given**
- Pres. Perfect - has/have given - ***has* / *have been* given**
- Pres. Continuous - is/ are giving - ***is* / *are being* given**
- Future - will give - ***will be* given**
- *Going to be Future* – is going to give - ***is going to be* given**
- Modal verbs - can give - ***can be* given**

Is it passive or active?



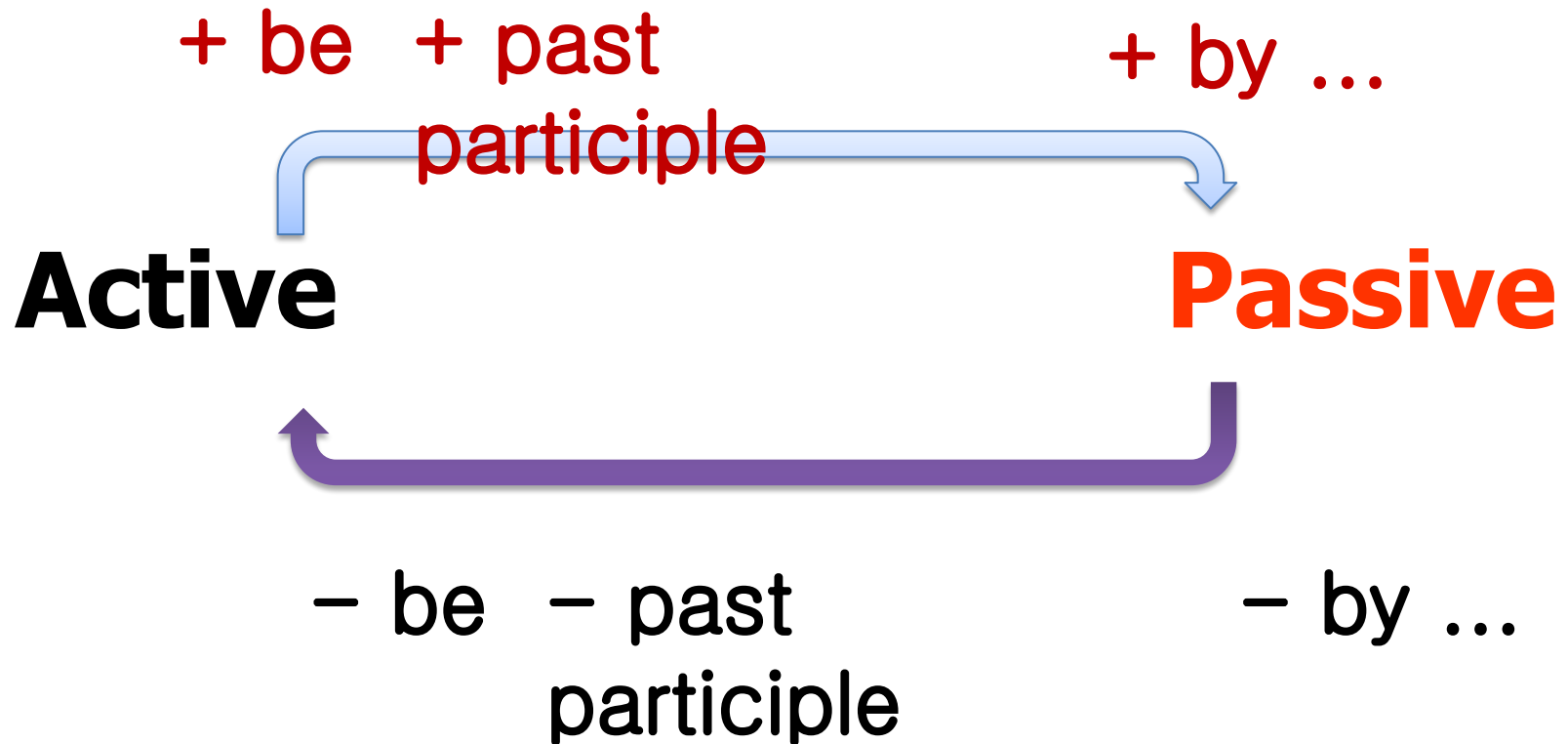
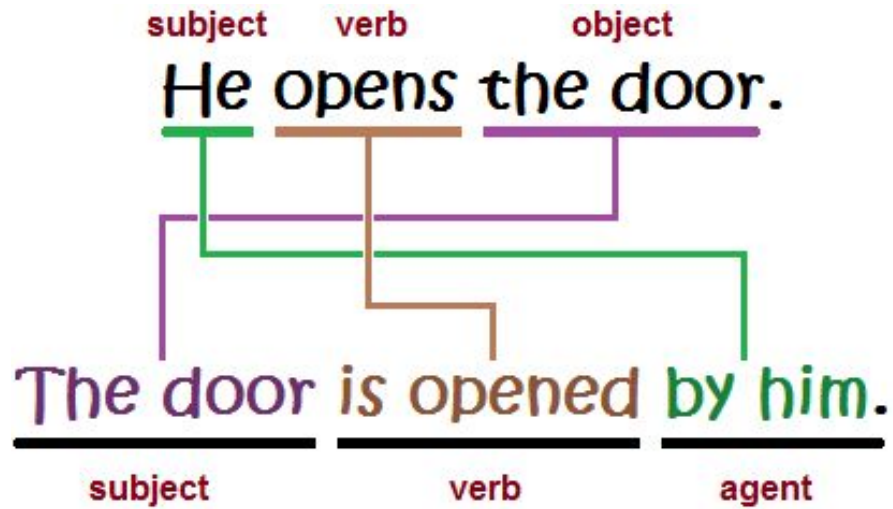
- Speakers would be hidden beneath the wallpaper.
- Portable touch pads would control everything.
- Visitors to his house are surveyed.
- The house is bigger than the average American home.
- Much of Gates house is built underground.

Can I turn it into passive voice?

- Bill Gates family lives in Medina, Washington.
- Bill Gates organized a party at his private mansion.

A party was organized by Bill Gates at his private mansion

Lake Washington area was locked down by the police.



Four basic rules

- Ask what or whom to the verb.
- Insert verb to be in the same tense of the main verb
- Put the main verb in the pp
(past participle)
- Auxiliaries don't change (only adapt to singular or plural)

Two objects = two passives

American universities offer young

scientists the best opportunities for

research.
What?

Whom?

The best opportunities for research are offered to young students by American universities.

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