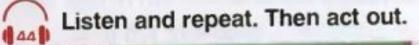
The Passive



Who can tell me when Rome was built?

Why do you say that?

Well, my dad always says Rome wasn't built in a day.

At night.

We form the passive with the verb 'to be' and the past participle of the main verb. The letter was written by Tim.

Study the following examples to see how the passive is formed in the present simple and past simple:

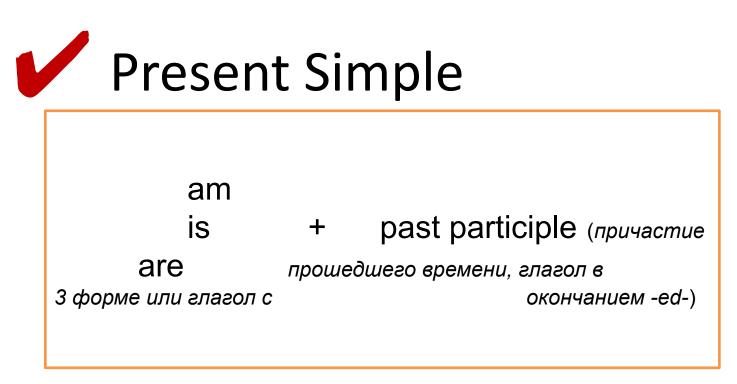
	Active	Passive
Present Simple	Jack waters the plants.	The plants are watered by Jack.
Past Simple	Tina sent the email.	The email was sent by Tina.

The Passive is formed with the appropriate

tense of the verb *to be + past participle*

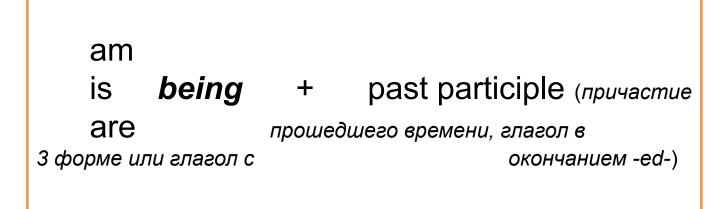
The Passive is used:

- 1. Когда субъект (тот, кто выполняет действие) неизвестен, неважен или
- очевиден из контекста
- My car was stolen. (we don't know who stole it.)
- *This church* **was built** *in* 1815. (unimportant agent)
- *He has been arrested*. (obviously by the police)
- 2. Когда действие важнее, чем субъект, выполняющий это действие
- 30 people were killed in the earthquake.
- 3. Чтобы подчеркнуть субъекта действия
- The new library **will be opened by the Queen**.



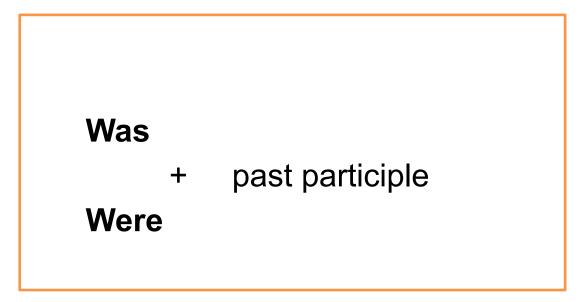
- Letters are delivered by a postman;
- Cars are repaired;
- The house is cleaned twice a week.



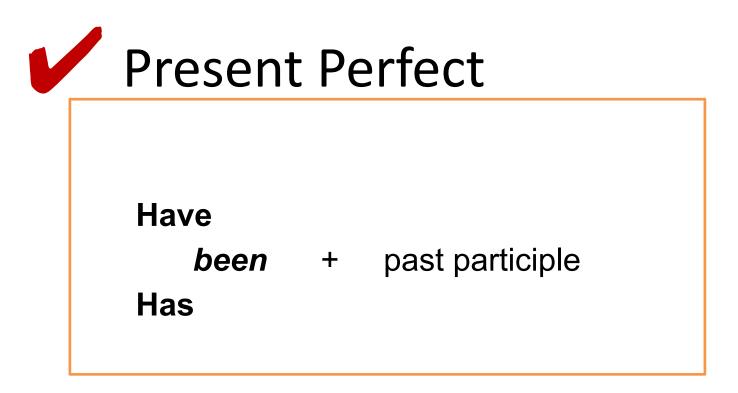


- The letters are being delivered;
- The car is being repaired;





- The letters were delivered by a postman yesterday;
- The car was repaired;
- My wallet was stolen two days ago.



- The letters have been delivered;
- The car has been repaired;
- A book has been read.

	Active Voice	Passive Voice
Present Simple	He delivers letters.	Letters are delivered.
Past Simple	He delivered the letters.	The letters were delivered.
Present Perfect	He has delivered the letters.	The letters have been delivered.
Past Perfect	He had delivered the letters.	The letters had been delivered.
Present Continuous	He is delivering the letters.	The letters are being delivered.
Past Continuous	He was delivering the letters.	The letters were being delivered.
Future Simple	He will deliver the letters.	The letters will be delivered.
Infinitive	He has to deliver the letters.	The letters have to be delivered.
Modal + be + past part.	He must deliver the letters.	The letters must be delivered.