

# The Passive



Listen and repeat. Then act out.



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
<b>Present Simple</b>	Jack waters the plants.	The plants <b>are watered</b> by Jack.
<b>Past Simple</b>	Tina sent the email.	The email <b>was sent</b> 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**.*



# Present Simple

am  
is + past participle (причастие  
are прошедшего времени, глагол в  
3 форме или глагол с окончанием -ed-)

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



# Present Continuous

am

is **being** + past participle (причастие

are прошедшего времени, глагол в

3 форме или глагол с

окончанием -ed-)

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



# Past Simple

**Was**

+ past participle

**Were**

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



# Present Perfect

Have

*been* + past participle

Has

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

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