

Grammar



The Passive Voice

Passive in the simple present: is /are + verb in the past participle

Active  Leila Abouzeid **writes** " the Year of the Elephant"
Passive  "The Year of the Elephant" **is written** by Leila Abouzeid.



1. They clean the libraries every day.
The libraries.....
2. Dangerous driving causes many accidents.
Many accidents
3. we make cheese from milk
Milk
4. They say that mobile phones are harmful to children's health
Mobile phones
5. We expect the visit of a French delegation to our organisation.
A French organisation
6. People say that brain drain is a form of modern slavery.
Brain drain

Passive in the simple Past: was /were + verb in the past participle

Active  The king **gave** a speech yesterday
Passive  A speech **was given** by the king yesterday



1. the police found a man murdered in the street two days ago
A man
2. They offered Mary a nice job but she refused it.
Mary.....
1. The criminals kidnapped two girls from our village
Two girls.....
2. The police stopped me while I was driving home.
I
5. The restaurants offered special meals.
Special meals.....
6. They elected Angela Merkel the woman of the year.
Angela Merkel

Passive in the Present Continuous: is / are+ being + + verb in the past participle

Active  The king **is giving** a speech now
Passive  A speech **is being given** by the king now

1. The teachers are correcting the exams now.
The exams.....
2. The journalist is interviewing the players at this moment.
The players.....
3. Baity organisation is looking after homeless children.
Homeless children.....
4. Laayoune is holding a conference on " Youth & Politics" these days.
A conference.....
5. I don't know that he is listening to my conversation.
I don't know that my conversation.....



Passive in the Past Continuous: was / were + being + + verb in the past participle

Active  The king **was giving** a speech yesterday
Passive  A speech **was being given** by the king yesterday

1. The teachers were correcting the exams yesterday.
The exams.....
2. The journalist was interviewing the players.
The players.....



3. Baity organisation was looking after homeless children.
Homeless children.....
4. Laayoune was holding a conference on " Youth & Politics" the last days.
A conference.....

Passive in the Present Prefect: has/have + been + verb in the past participle

Active  Al Jabri **has written** many interesting books
 Passive  Many interesting books **have been written** by Al Jabri.

1. The boy has broken the vases on the table.
The vase on the table
2. An association has painted the walls of the school.
The walls of the school.....
3. They have cancelled the flights.
The flights.....
4. The organising committee has included two African films in the competition.
Two Africans films
5. They have installed new cameras in the public streets.
New cameras.....

Passive in the Past Prefect: had + been + verb in the past participle

Active  Al Jabri **had written** many interesting books
 Passive  Many interesting books **had been written** by Al Jabri.

1. The boy had broken the vases on the table
The vase on the table
2. An association had painted the walls of the school.
The walls of the school.....
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The flights.....

Passive with Modals: modal + be + verb in the past participle

Can – could

Will – would



May – might

Shall – should



Must - have to

Ought to – had better – need to

+ be + verb in the past participle

Active  People **can't park** cars here
 Passive  Cars **can't be parked** here.

1. People shouldn't throw rubbish in the street.
Rubbish.....
2. You must rewrite this essay because it's full of mistakes.
This essay.....
3. The government will launch a new programme for fighting illiteracy.
A new programme.....
4. The closure of the factory will make hundreds of people jobless.
Hundreds of people
1. We have to ban all nuclear weapons.
Nuclear weapons.....
6. You shouldn't leave kids alone at home.
Kids.....

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Exercise: Rewrite the following statements as suggested.

1. The cooperative **awarded** a prize to Rachida.
Rachida.....
.....
2. People should **check** their cars before travelling.
Cars.....
.....
3. Candidates **must send** their applicants before the end of June.
The
applicants.....
4. The headmaster **received** the school champions.
The school champions.....
5. The policeman **fined** the driver for not stopping at the red light.
The driver.....
6. Sociologists **are conducting** many research studies about immigrants in France nowadays.
Many research
studies.....
.....
7. The parliament **has passed** new laws to reduce road accident.
New
laws.....
.....
8. Parents **shouldn't keep** medicines within children's reach.
Medicines.....
.....
9. You **shouldn't leave** medicines within children's reach.
Medicines
.....
.....
10. You **should not leave** a baby alone at home without a babysitter.
A baby
.....
.....
11. You **shouldn't throw** rubbish in the street.

Rubbish.....
.....

12. The government **is making** a lot of efforts to reduce pollution.
A lot of
efforts.....
.....
13. People **cut** trees for domestic usage.

Trees.....
.....

14. We **think** that the exam is quite easy.
The
exam.....
15. The local council **is building** a theatre in the neighbourhood.
A
theatre.....
16. They **took** my mother to the hospital in Rabat yesterday.
My

mother.....

17. Students **ought to respect** their teachers.

Teachers.....

18. The government **has implemented** a new educational system.

A new education system

19. They **will teach** English in the primary schools.

English.....

20. All the students **must respect** the school rules.

The school rules.....

 Good Luck 