

أماكن سياحية في دبي - Passive Voice

Passive voice is a mode of verbs that indicates that we don't know who did the action.

I broke the cup. (active voice - it's clear who broke the cup)

The cup was broken. (passive voice - we have no idea how the cup was broken or by whom.)

In English, the passive voice is indicated by sentence structure (putting 'the cup' at the start of the sentence) and verb tense (i.e. was broken vs. broke).

In Arabic, this passive voice is indicated in the following ways:

1) Measure VII/7 verbs - verbs that follow the xxxأن pattern

was broken - انكسر

was opened - افتتح

2) By taking the xxxأت pattern in dialect

was broken - اتكسر

got engaged - اتخطب

3) By vocalizing the verb in the following pattern

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meaning (damma - fat-ha - kesra, in that order),

usually only indicated by a damma 'on the first letter

is considered - يُعتبر

was built - بُنيت

