

Passive voice

Active voice

- **what the subject does**

Passive voice

- **what happens to the subject**

Passive voice

**it is obvious who
does the action**

Example:

**The thief was arrested
last night.**



Passive voice

**we do not know or
cannot remember
who does the action**

Example:

My wallet was stolen.



Passive voice

**we think the action
is more important
than the person
who does it**

Example:

**The first 30-hour fast
was organized in 1971.**



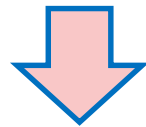
How do we form
the **passive voice**?



verb *to be* + past participle

Example:

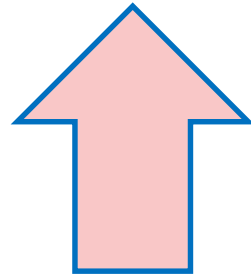
They **built **this house** in 1988.**



This house **was built in 1988.**

**Mention the
doer with *by***

**This house was built by them
in 1988.**



This house was built in 1988.

Passive voice in different tenses



Passive voice in different tenses

Tense	Active voice	Passive voice
Simple present	<i>do/does</i>	<i>am/are/is</i> done
Present continuous	<i>am/are/is doing</i>	<i>am/are/is being</i> done
Simple past	<i>did</i>	<i>was/were</i> done
Past continuous	<i>was/were doing</i>	<i>was/were being</i> done
Simple future	<i>shall/will do</i>	<i>shall/will be</i> done

Questions in the passive voice



Yes/No questions

Tense	Question in the passive voice
Simple present	<i>Am/Are/Is</i> + subject + past participle ?
Present continuous	<i>Am/Are/Is</i> + subject + <i>being</i> + past participle ?
Simple past	<i>Was/Were</i> + subject + past participle ?
Past continuous	<i>Was/Were</i> + subject + <i>being</i> + past participle ?
Simple future	<i>Shall/Will</i> + subject + <i>be</i> + past participle ?

Yes/No questions

Tense	Answer in the passive voice
Simple present	<i>Yes/No, + the subject + am/are/is (not).</i>
Present continuous	
Simple past	<i>Yes/No, + the subject + was/were (not).</i>
Past continuous	
Simple future	<i>Yes/No, + the subject + shall/will (not).</i>

Example:

**Is the magic show
being held today?**

Yes, it is.



Example:

Will the meeting be held next Monday?

No, it won't.



Wh-questions

Tense	Question in the passive voice
Simple present	Wh-word + <i>am/are/is</i> + subject + past participle?
Present continuous	Wh-word + <i>am/are/is</i> + subject + <i>being</i> + past participle?
Simple past	Wh-word + <i>was/were</i> + subject + past participle?
Past continuous	Wh-word + <i>was/were</i> + subject + <i>being</i> + past participle?
Simple future	Wh-word + <i>shall/will</i> + subject + <i>be</i> + past participle?

Example:

When were the thieves arrested?

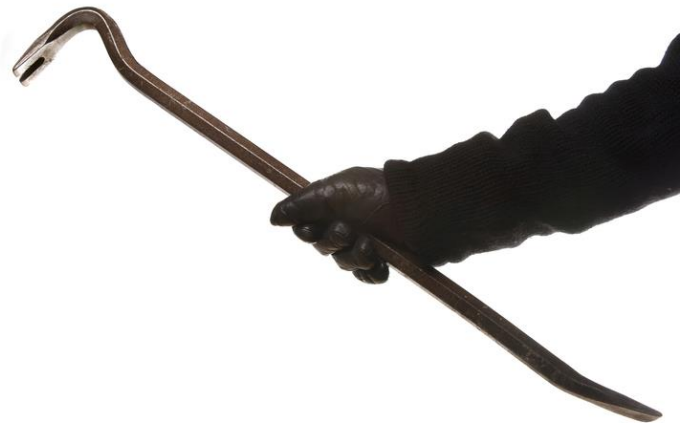
They were arrested last night.



Example:

**What were they seen
to be doing?**

**They were seen
breaking open a door.**



Review:

Passive voice



**It focuses on the receiver,
not the doer, of an action.**



How do we form
the **passive voice**?



verb to be +

**past participle
of the main verb**

When **was** the charity
concert **held**?

Was it well **received**?

It **was held** last year.

Yes, it's still **being talked**
about by people now!

The end