



If a flight is delayed or cancelled, our clients are usually compensated with free meals, hotel rooms or long-distance calls. An alternate flight with the same or a different airline can also be arranged in some cases.

A. Passive Voice

The **Active Voice** indicates that the subject of the verb carries out an action.

The Passive Voice

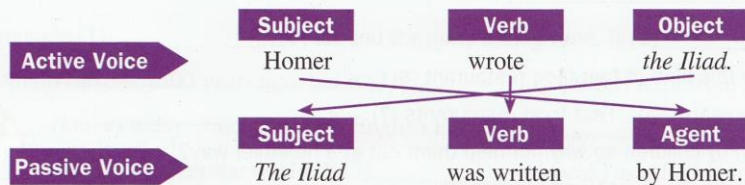
- indicates that the subject of the verb receives the result of an action that somebody or something else performs.
- is used to emphasise the action rather than who or what is responsible for it.

The new hotel was decorated by Alf Donovan.

My scooter was repaired yesterday.

Transforming a sentence from Active Voice to Passive Voice:

- The **object** (person or thing) of the verb in the **Active Voice** becomes the **subject** of the verb in the **Passive Voice**.
- We use the verb **be** in the same tense as the verb in the **Active Voice**.
- We use the past participle of the main verb after the verb **be**.
- To indicate who or what carries out the action, we use the preposition **by** with the subject of the active verb (**agent**).



note

We omit **by + agent**:

- When we don't know who or what causes the action.
Tony's car was stolen last Saturday.
- When it is easy to figure out who the agent is. In these cases, in the **Active Voice**, the subject is usually **people, they, someone, one, etc.**

Active Voice: *People speak English all over the world.*

Passive Voice: *English is spoken all over the world.*

B. Simple Tenses

Present Simple	am/is/are + past participle	<i>A tour of the island is included in the price.</i>
Past Simple	was/were + past participle	<i>The children were rescued by the fire fighter.</i>
Present Perfect Simple	have/has been + past participle	<i>Our DVD recorder has been fixed.</i>
Past Perfect Simple	had been + past participle	<i>All the food for the picnic had been prepared on the day before.</i>
Future Will	will be + past participle	<i>Walter's flight will be delayed.</i>
Future Perfect Simple	will have been + past participle	<i>All the invitations will have been sent by tomorrow.</i>

The interrogative and negative are formed with the corresponding interrogative and negative forms of the verb *be* and the past participle of the main verb.

Were all the invitations sent yesterday? He hadn't been informed about the meeting.

C. Modal Verbs

We form the Passive Voice with the modal verb + be + the past participle of the main verb.

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These parcels must be delivered tomorrow morning.

The interrogative and negative are formed with the corresponding interrogative and negative forms of the modal verb.

Can all these tests be marked by tomorrow?

My parents shouldn't be told the bad news.

Grammar Practice

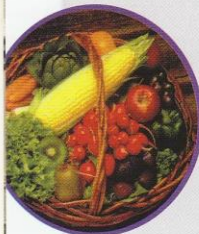
A Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in brackets using the Passive Voice.

Healthy Fast Food

Fast food (1) _____ (enjoy) all over the world, but have you ever tried fast food that is low in fat? Our Veggie Snacks have made us famous. Our menu (2) _____ (make) up of burgers, salads and sweets which are really healthy. Soon, Veggie Drinks, made from different vegetables and fruit, (3) _____ (add) to our menu.



Every day, fresh vegetables and fruit (4) _____ (bring) to our Veggie Houses. They (5) _____ (deliver) from our own farms.



The idea for this kind of fast food restaurant (6) _____ (think) up five years ago. "Fast food restaurants (7) _____ (always/enjoy) by children so why not help them eat in a healthier way?" says the owner, John Blake. Our first Veggie House (8) _____ (open) a year later, and since then, over 100 Veggie Houses (9) _____ (open) all over the world.



It is certain that Veggie Snacks (10) _____ (love) by many more people in the future. Have you tasted **Healthy Fast Food**? You'll love it!

B Rewrite the sentences using the Passive Voice.

1. Each year, they kill hundreds of birds.

2. Someone broke into Mike's house last night.

3. The mechanic hasn't repaired Bill's motorcycle yet.

4. Had John paid the electricity bill before he moved house?

_____?

5. The architect will make the plans for the house.

6. We should recycle materials like paper, glass and metal.

7. Must she rewrite the whole composition?

_____?

C Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first one, using the word given. You must use between two and five words including the word given.

1. My mother cooked a delicious meal last night.

was A _____ by my mother last night.

2. People of all ages enjoy package holidays.

are Package holidays _____ people of all ages.

3. I had fed my rabbit before I went to work.

been My rabbit _____ before I went to work.

4. We can deliver your shopping to your house.

be Your _____ to your house.

5. Our school has organised a charity bazaar for the homeless.

been A charity bazaar for the homeless _____ by our school.

6. Will they reserve a table for the Wilsons?

reserved Will _____ for the Wilsons?

D Complete the text with the correct tense of the verbs in brackets in the Active or in the Passive Voice.

The English language (1) _____ (be) around for quite a long time. It (2) _____ (originally/speak) in Britain by the Anglo-Saxons 1500 years ago, but it (3) _____ (differ) a lot from the language we (4) _____ (know) today. Since then, the English language (5) _____ (change) a lot and it (6) _____ (spread) all over the world. It (7) _____ (speak) as a first language in the UK, the USA, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, South Africa and the Caribbean, and it (8) _____ (use) as an official language in more than 70 countries. A lot of different forms and varieties of English (9) _____ (use) not only across the world, but even within the British Isles. English (10) _____ (increasingly/become) a global language. It (11) _____ (teach) as a foreign language in several countries. More and more people (12) _____ (use) English when travelling and doing business abroad. It seems that English is here to stay as the language of international communication.

