

THE PASSIVE

- ▲ We form the passive with the verb TO BE + PAST PARTICIPLE of the main verb:

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| present simple: | The parcels ARE DELIVERED |
| present continuous: | The parcels ARE BEING DELIVERED |
| past simple: | The parcels |
| past continuous: | The parcels |
| present perfect: | The parcels |
| past perfect: | The parcels |
| future perfect: | The parcels |
| can, must....: | The parcels |



THE USE

- ▲ When the person who carries out the action is unknown, unimportant or obvious from the context or the action is more important than the person who carries it out.
 "My wallet has been stolen" / "Coffee plants are grown in Latin America" / "My car was repaired"
- ▲ It is often used to describe scientific processes
 "The water is filtered before it is mixed with the chemicals"



CHANGING FROM ACTIVE INTO PASSIVE

- ▲ The object (direct or indirect) of the active sentence becomes the subject.
- ▲ The active verb remains in the same tense but in a passive form (be + past participle)
- ▲ The subject of the active sentence becomes the agent and it is introduced by the preposition "by" if it gives necessary information. (OBJECT PRONOUNS will be needed: "by her", "him", "us", "them"...)

"My mum made a cake" "A cake was made by my mum"

"Someone has stolen my wallet" "My wallet has been stolen"
- ▲ With verbs which take two objects (bring, tell, send, teach, sell....) we can make two different passive sentences:

"He showed me a map" "A map was shown to me" / "I was shown a map"
- ▲ Don't forget prepositions!

"They looked after the kids" "The kids were looked after" / Who was it written BY?10

A) TURN THESE SENTENCES FROM ACTIVE INTO PASSIVE:

- 1 She's renewing her passport next week
- 2 The police have not investigated the theft yet
- 3 They will collect the bottles for recycling
- 4 He was milking the cows when I arrived

B) COMPLETE THE SENTENCES USING THE CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS:

- 1 All the robbers will(arrest) tomorrow
- 2 His house is going(paint) next week
- 3 Cars may(park) here free of charge
- 4 She hates(treat) like a baby
- 5 I can't stand(ignore)
- 6 You(allow) to smoke inside or outside public buildings in the USA.
- 7 The work(not finish) yet
- 8 "Where is your car?" "At the garage. It(repair) right now."
- 9 Sumatra(hit) by a powerful earthquake!
- 10 10-year-old Martin Witts, who(rescue) from a fire last week,
 (just / discharge) from hospital.