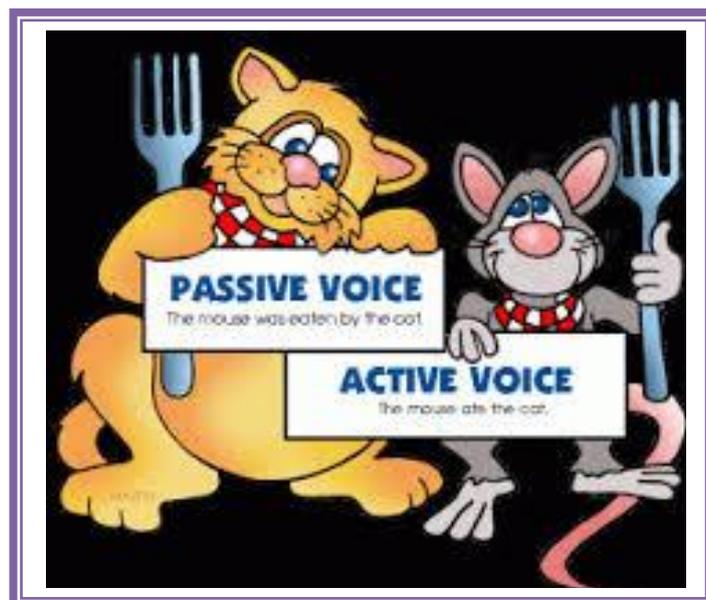


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## THE PASSIVE



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Study the following examples to see how the passive is formed in different tenses

Tense/Verb form	Active	Passive
Present Simple	Tina <b>cooks</b> dinner every day.	Dinner <b>is cooked</b> every day by Tina.
Present Continuous	Tina <b>is cooking</b> dinner now.	Dinner <b>is being cooked</b> by Tina now.
Present Perfect	Tina <b>has cooked</b> the dinner.	The dinner <b>has been cooked</b> by Tina.
Past Simple	Tina <b>cooked</b> a delicious dinner yesterday.	A delicious dinner <b>was cooked</b> by Tina yesterday.
Past Continuous	Tina <b>was cooking</b> the dinner yesterday at 5p.m.	The dinner <b>was being cooked</b> by Tina yesterday at 5 p.m.
Past Perfect	Tina <b>had cooked</b> the dinner by 6 o'clock.	The dinner <b>had been cooked</b> by 6 o'clock.
Future Simple	Tina <b>will cook</b> dinner later tomorrow.	Dinner <b>will be cooked</b> later tomorrow.
Modals	Tina <b>must cook</b> the dinner by 5 o'clock.	Dinner <b>must be cooked</b> by 5 o'clock.

## Exercises

### 1. Put the verbs in brackets into a suitable passive tense.

1. Two men \_\_\_\_\_ (see) running out of the bank yesterday morning.
2. The flowers \_\_\_\_\_ ( already/water).
3. The Smiths' house \_\_\_\_\_ ( paint) at the moment.
4. The rubbish \_\_\_\_\_ ( already/ collect) when I left for work.
5. The note \_\_\_\_\_ ( could/not/ read) because the handwriting was very messy.
6. Our exams \_\_\_\_\_ (not/mark) yet.
7. His car \_\_\_\_\_ ( wash) every Saturday.
8. The window \_\_\_\_\_ ( break) before the children arrived.
9. Mary \_\_\_\_\_ (invite) to the party but unfortunately she couldn't make it.

### 2. Fill in the gaps with 'by' or 'with'.

1. The film was directed \_\_\_\_\_ my favourite director.
2. The sauce was made \_\_\_\_\_ mushrooms and onions.
3. The child was stung \_\_\_\_\_ a bee.
4. The window was broken \_\_\_\_\_ a piece of wood.
5. The glass bowl is filled \_\_\_\_\_ fruit.
6. The dog was saved \_\_\_\_\_ a neighbor.

7. The apple pie contest was won \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Jones.

8. He was shot \_\_\_\_\_ a rifle.

9. They were scared \_\_\_\_\_ the thunder.

10. The fingerprints on the table had been wiped off \_\_\_\_\_ a towel.

11. These curtains were made \_\_\_\_\_ my granny.

12. The cake was cut \_\_\_\_\_ a knife.

13. Dan was laughed at \_\_\_\_\_ his friends.

14. The house has been decorated \_\_\_\_\_ balloons.

15. The parcel will be delivered \_\_\_\_\_ my uncle.

### 3. Rewrite the following sentences into passive

1. The thief stole all the money from my friend's house.

2. Who has written this poem?

3. When will they hold the annual conference?

4. Many tourists visit the Eiffel Tower every year.

5. Did you give the parcel to Susie?

6. The fire damaged many buildings in the city centre.

7. Has Victoria sent out the invitations?

**8. They will open the new library to the public in September.**

**9. We took many of these pictures when we were in India.**

**10. Dora sold three sculptures at the gallery opening.**

**11. Who made the delicious chocolate cheesecake?**