Passive voice (La voz pasiva)

In the active voice, the subject of the sentence is the doer of the action. In the passive voice, the subject is the receiver of the action. In the passive voice, the doer is not always mentioned.

The Passive Voice is formed with the verb "TO BE" and the past participle of the verb being used. The original subject of the active voice becomes the indirect object, using "by.

La Voz Pasiva se forma con el verbo "TO BE" y el participio pasado del verbo que se esté usando. El sujeto original de la voz activa se convierte en el objeto indirecto, el uso de "by".

Past Passive Present Passive Future Passive

She was found She is found She will be found

Forming the passive voice from the active voice:

We change the active voice to the passive voice by making the object of the active voice be the subject of the passive voice. The active voice verb is changed to use "to be" and the past participle of the verb. The subject of the active voice becomes the indirect object using "by".

Cambiamos la voz activa a la voz pasiva, haciendo que el objeto de la voz activa sea el sujeto de la voz pasiva. El verbo voz activa se cambia para utilizar "to be" y el participio pasado del verbo. El sujeto de la voz activa se convierte en el objeto indirecto utilizando "by".

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(Active) My father builds buildings.
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(Activo) Mi padre construye edificios.

(Passive) Buildings are built by my father.

(Pasivos) Los edificios son construidos por mi padre.

Examples Past tense

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(Active) John sent the letter.
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(Activo) Juán envió la carta.

(Passive) The letter was sent by John.

(Pasivos) La carta fué enviada por Juán.

Present tense

(Active) John sends the letter.

(Activo) Juán envía la carta.

(Passive) The letter is sent by John.

(Pasivos) La carta es enviada por Juán.

Future tense

(Active) John will send the letter.

(Active) Juán enviará la carta.

(Passive) The letter will be sent by John.

(Pasivos) La carta será enviada por Juán.

@@@@ ^^^^ (*******BoL***) Active/passive sentences

Active

Anthony broke the window.

A neighbor is watching her.

I am not considering the costs.

He is stirring the soup.

The music excites me.

Librarians order books.

We make decisions daily.

Farmers grow grain.

They do not trade jobs often.

She usually makes the tea.

Someone stole the car.
They voted Dawn treasurer.
Sissy gave Jake a watch.
Jose did not paint the house.
Ellen slammed the door shut.
The boys didn't rake the leaves.
The teacher graded the tests.
Congress raised the taxes.
Phil drank the soda.

Jill will not call Rosa.
Harry will fix the VCR.
They will break the record.
We will bring the boxes.
Andy will tease Annette.
I will operate the machine.
Ed will appoint the captain.
I will not do it.
Someone will take us.

Passive

The window was broken by Anthony. The window was broken.

She is being watched by a neighbor. The cost are not being considered. The soup is being stirred by him. I am excited by the music. Books are ordered by librarians. Decisions are made daily. Grain is grown by farmers. Jobs were not traded often by them. The tea is usually made by her.

The car was stolen.

Dawn was voted treasurer.

Jake was given a watch by Sissy.

The house was not painted by Jose.

The door was slammed shut.

The leaves weren't raked by the boys.

The tests were graded.

The taxes were raised by Congress.

The soda was drunk by Phil.

Rosa will not be called by Jill.
The VCR will be fixed.
The record will be broken by them.
The boxes will be brought by us.
Annette will be teased by Andy.
The machine will be operated by me.
The captain will be appointed by Ed.
It will not be done by me.
We will be taken by someone.