

The Passive Voice

We use the passive voice when our focus is **not** who does the action. Example:

Active Voice: That bakery **makes** those cookies.

Passive voice: Those cookies **are made** by that bakery.

The focus becomes 'the cookies', and **not** 'that bakery'.



Main structure: **to be + past participle**

The **verb to be** in passive voice follows the **main verb in active voice**.

The **main verb in active voice** become **past participle**.

**present
simple**

They **clean** the entry every day.

The entry **is cleaned** every day.

**past
simple**

I **bought** this bread yesterday.

This bread **was bought** yesterday.

**future
simple**

The directors **will announce** the new project.

The new project **will be announced** by the directors.

**present
continuous**

A neighbor **is playing** very loud music at the moment.

Very loud music **is being played** at the moment.

**past
continuous**

They **were watching** a movie at that time.

A movie **was being watched** at that time.

**present
perfect**

The author **has published** the final book.

The final book **has been published**.

**past
perfect**

They **had repaired** the car before travelling.

The car **had been repaired** before travelling.

**future
perfect**

He **will have finished** the job before March.

The job **will have been finished** before March.

modals

You **must return** the book in two weeks.

The book **must be returned** in two weeks.