

PASSIVE VOICE

REMEMBER

◆ Active voice = Subject + verb + COMPLEMENT

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◆ Passive voice = reverse elements 1 & 3

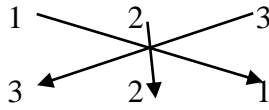
New subject + **be** + **past participle** / + **by** + new complement

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OBSERVE

◆ Present simple / singular

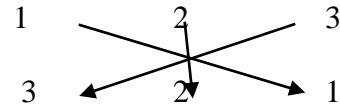
❖ Father buys bread



Bread **is bought** by father

Present simple / plural

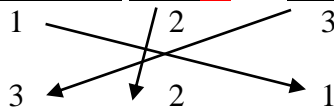
* Mothers make the meals



The meals **are made** by mothers

◆ Past simple / singular

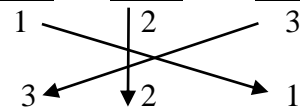
❖ The policeman arrested the thief



The thief **was arrested** by the policeman.

Past simple / plural

* Sister wrote letters



Letters **were written** by sister.

PRACTISE

◆ Write correct sentences in the passive

❖ Past simple

- Telephone / invented / graham bell / by / was /
- Brother / bitten / a dog / was / by
- A thief / stolen / were / by / My keys
- The lightning / was / damaged / by / the house

❖ Present simple

- Football / played / everybody / is / by
- Repaired / cars / are / by / mechanics
- Are / woodcutters / cut down / by / trees
- Grass / is / gardeners / by / cut

◆ Choose the correct sentence

❖ people choose the president

- People are chosen by the president
- The president is chosen by people
- The president is choose by people

❖ Columbus discovered America

- America was discovered by Columbus
- America were discovered by Columbus
- America is discovered by Columbus

❖ Many persons speak English

- English was spoken by many persons
- English is spoken by many persons
- Many persons are spoken by English

❖ Benjamin Franklin created the first public library

- Benjamin Franklin is created by the first public library
- The first public library were created by Benjamin Franklin
- The first public library was created by Benjamin Franklin

APPLY

◆ Turn into the passive

- ❖ The maid cleans the house every day.
- ❖ We make glass from sand.
- ❖ They built the bridge some years ago.
- ❖ The boy broke three windows.
- ❖ The fire damaged many houses.
- ❖ My friend offered me a nice present.
- ❖ The Germans invented handball.
- ❖ Mother irons our clothes.