

Voice

Thomson, Sir Joseph John (1846-1940)

British physicist and mathematician and head of a group of researchers at Cavendish Laboratory in Cambridge. Thomson discovered the electron. He is regarded as the founder of modern physics.

Electron

A subatomic particle and one of the basic constituents of matter. The electron was discovered in 1897 by Thomson. It is found in all atoms and contains the smallest known negative electrical charge.

Thomson discovered the electron.

The electron was discovered by Thomson.

The electron was discovered at Cambridge.

The man was arrested.

My car was stolen. // We do not know who stole my car.

Mistakes have been made.

This book must be returned to the library by the date above.

James bond was created by Ian Fleming.

1. Verbs which can not be passive: An intransitive verb can not be passive.

2. Some state verbs can not be passive.

The baby is smiling.

Peter has a guitar.

We usually use following verbs in the passive pattern.

allow

ask

award

bring

buy

charge

deny

feed

find

give

grant

offer

send

sell

show

promise

I play football.

Football is played by me.

I am playing football.

Football is being by me.

I have played football.

Football has been played by me.

I can play football.

Football can be played by me.

Modal Verb

He can drive a car.

A car can be driven by him.

I should buy this watch.

A watch should be bought by me.