Basic steps to form the passive voice:

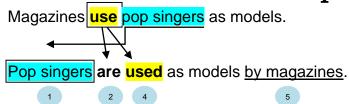
- The object of the active becomes the subject of the passive.
- We add the auxiliary "to be" "is/are" when the main verb of the active is present, and "was/were" when it
- In negative or interrogative sentences the auxiliary "to do" is replaced by "to be":
  - do(n't) / does(n't) become is(n't) / are(n't);
  - did(n't) becomes was(n't) or were(n't).
- We turn the main verb of the active into the past participle.
- If we need or want to add the agent of the passive, we must use "by".

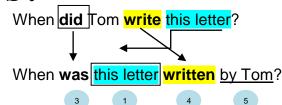
# PASSIVE VOICE with the PRESENT and PAST SIMPLE

We use the passive voice when we are more interested in the action itself rather than in "who" or "what" did the action. The agent can be:

- \* unimportant "These shoes are made in Indonesia." (the action is more important than who made the shoes)
- unknown "The windows were broken yesterday." (somebody broke the windows and we don't know who did it)
- \* implicit "He was arrested." (most certainly by the police)

### examples:





## SIMPLE PRESENT



C. Rewrite the sentences in the passive and match them with the pictures.



- B. Rewrite the sentences in the passive use the "by" agent only when necessary.
- 1) He takes Linda to school every day.
- Linda is taken to school every day by him
- 2) They don't close the shops on Saturdays. The shops aren't closed on Saturdays by Them
- 3) When does Mike feed the dog?
- When Is the dog fed by Mike?
- 4) Michael wins every competition.
- - Every competition is won by Michael
- 5) People invent new things all the time.
  - New things are invented by people all the time
- 6) Does your mother always prepare your breakfast?
- Is your breakfast always prepared by your mother
- 7) We don't wear school uniforms in this school.
- School uniforms are not worn in this school by us. 8) He keeps his money in a safe place.
  - His money is kept in a safe place by him
- 9) My mother buys all my clothes.
  - All my clothes are bought by my mother
- 10) Do you sell safety-pins in your store?
  - Are you safety-pins sold in your store?









- 1) He didn't find his files.
- 2) He washed his car on Sunday.
- 3) I didn't paint the whole room.
- 4) My grandfather repaired the old clock.
- 5) John took a lot of photos at the party.
- 6) Richard broke the window.
- 7) The detective solved the case.
- 8) I didn't make my bed this morning.
- 9) They bought the tickets yesterday.
- 10) The Smith drove the children to school.
- 11) Someone stole his wallet.
- 12) Slaves built these pyramids.



