### How to make the Passive in English

**active** sentence **passive** sentence

**I drank two cups of coffee.** **Two cups of coffe were drunk**.

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FORM: the verb 'to be' + [past participle](https://www.perfect-english-grammar.com/irregular-verbs.html).

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| **Tense** | **Active** | **Passive** |
| [present simple](https://www.perfect-english-grammar.com/present-simple.html) | I **make** a cake. | A cake **is made** (by me). |
| [present continuous](https://www.perfect-english-grammar.com/present-continuous.html) | I **am making** a cake. | A cake **is being made** (by me). |
| [past simple](https://www.perfect-english-grammar.com/past-simple.html) | I **made** a cake. | A cake **was made** (by me). |
| [past continuous](https://www.perfect-english-grammar.com/past-continuous.html) | I **was making** a cake. | A cake **was being made** (by me). |
| [present perfect](https://www.perfect-english-grammar.com/present-perfect.html) | I **have made** a cake. | A cake **has been made** (by me). |
| [pres. perf. continuous](https://www.perfect-english-grammar.com/present-perfect-continuous.html) | I **have been making** a cake. | A cake **has been being made** (by me). |
| [past perfect](https://www.perfect-english-grammar.com/past-perfect.html) | I **had made** a cake. | A cake **had been made** (by me). |
| [future simple](https://www.perfect-english-grammar.com/simple-future.html) | I **will make** a cake. | A cake **will be made** (by me). |
| [future perfect](https://www.perfect-english-grammar.com/future-perfect.html) | I **will have made** a cake. | A cake **will have been made** (by me). |

**Exercise on Passive Voice - Simple Past**

Rewrite the sentences in passive voice.

1. She sang a song. –
2. Somebody hit me. –
3. We stopped the bus. -
4. A thief stole my car. –
5. They didn't let him go. –
6. She didn't win the prize. –
7. They didn't make their beds. –
8. I did not tell them.
9. Did you tell them? –
10. Did he send the letter? –

# Passive 5 (mixed tenses)

### Change these active sentences to passive. Choose if you need the agent or not.

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| 1) The Government is planning a new road near my house.    [ . ] | | |  |
| 2.) My grandfather built this house in 1943.    [ . ] |  |

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| 3) Picasso was painting Guernica at that time.    [ . ] |  |

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| 4) The cleaner has cleaned the office.    [ . ] |  |

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| 5) He had written three books before 1867.    [ . ] |  |

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| 10) People speak Portuguese in Brazil.    [ . ] |  |

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| 11) Everybody loves Mr Brown.    [ . ] |  |

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| 12) They are building a new stadium near the station.    [ . ] |  |

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| 13) The wolf ate the princess.    [ . ] |  |

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| 14) At six o'clock someone was telling a story.    [ . ] |  |

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| 15) Somebody has drunk all the milk!    [ . ] |  |

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| 16) I had cleaned all the windows before the storm.    [ . ] |  |

**Review of past tenses - 1**

a) I was walking down the street yesterday. I passed the supermarket and suddenly remembered I ...........................my keys. FORGET

b) While I ...........................the film, there was a power-cut. WATCH

d) By the time we ran back to the flat to close the window, the bird ............ ESCAPE

e) Who ............................. the bus at the time of the accident? DRIVE

f) She was so angry she missed the party, the only reason she didn't go because no-one ......................................about it . TELL

h) My girlfriend  .....................to the restaurant before, so she knew exactly what to order. BE

i) I forgot to tell you, yesterday while I ............................., I saw that American man you like. WALK

j) What on earth ........................when I walked into your room yesterday? DO

1. Please choose whether the underlined verb form is suitable or unsuitable

a) While we had dinner, the plumber knocked on the door.

b) We didn't go to this restaurant before.

c) Apart from the delays at the airport, they were enjoying their holiday last year.

d) I didn't know you had bought a new house.

e) What did you wear to the wedding last week.

f) When I woke up in the morning I remembered exactly what happened.

**'Used to + infinitive':**  
  
We use this expression to talk about habits or repeated actions in the past which we don't do in the present. We also use it to talk about states in the past which are no longer true. For example:

* I used to have long hair (but now I have short hair).
* He used to smoke (but now he doesn't smoke).
* They used to live in India (but now they live in Germany).

# Used to Exercise 1

### Make an affirmative sentence, negative sentence or question using 'used to + infinitive':

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| 1) I / live in a flat when I was a child.    [ . ] |  |

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| 2) We / go to the beach every summer.    [ . ] |  |

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| 3) She / love eating chocolate, but now she hates it    [ . ] |  |

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| 4) He / smoke    [ . ] |  |

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| 5) I / play tennis when I was at school    [ . ] |  |

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| 7) He / play golf every weekend    [ . ] | | |  |
| 8) They both / have short hair    [ . ] |  |

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| 9) Julie / study Portuguese    [ . ] |  |

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| 10) I / hate school    [ . ] |  |

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