



# Passive Voice (Interrogative)

Grammar > Intermediate 6



## Exercise 1 – Learning

It's important to remember that the object of an active sentence becomes the subject of a passive sentence.

*"The cat ate a **fish**" (SVO, O = '**fish**') → "The **fish** was eaten. (SVO, S = '**fish**')"*

To form passive questions, switch the helping verb ('**be**' or '**will**') and the subject:

*[Helping Verb] + [Subject] + [Verb (past participle)] + 'by' + [Agent].*

- The fish **is being eaten** by a cat.
- **Is** the fish **being eaten** by a cat?
- The fish **was eaten** by a cat.
- **Was** the fish **eaten** by a cat?
- The fish **will be eaten** by a cat.
- **Will** the fish **be eaten** by a cat?



You can omit the agent of the action and the preposition 'by':

- Is the fish **being eaten**?
- Was the fish **eaten**?
- Will the fish **be eaten**?

### Passive Voice Question Examples

Present

- Are the plants **being watered**?
- Are melons **grown** in Spain?

Past

- Was that letter **sent** by my secretary?
- Were you **invited** to this wedding by Megan?

Future

- Will our invitation **be accepted**?
- Will the class **be cancelled**?



## Exercise 2 – Rephrasing

*Rephrase the following sentences in the passive voice (interrogative).*

**Example:** Will they announce the new policy? → Will the new policy be announced?

### Content:

1. Is my secretary printing the documents?
2. Did my secretary print the documents?
3. Will my secretary print the documents?
4. Did the manager fire four employees?
5. Will the manager fire four employees?
6. Is the government investigating this company for fraud?
7. Did her husband rob the bank?
8. Do you drive your car?



## Exercise 3 – Sentence Construction

*Use what you learned in class to create passive interrogative sentences with your tutor.*

**Example:** feed them enough food. → Are they fed enough food?

### Content:

1. take them out of the cages.
2. clean them regularly.
3. give them time to exercise.
4. give them medical help.
5. keep them happy.
6. give them water.