

PASSIVE VOICE. (VOZ PASIVA)

En una oración activa en español encontramos los siguientes elementos:

My father builds houses
Sujeto Verbo C. Directo

En la oración pasiva:

El Complemento directo de la oración activa pasa a ser sujeto paciente.

El sujeto de la o. activa pasa a ser complemento agente (introducido por BY).

El verbo pasivo lo formamos con:

El verbo To be en el mismo tiempo que el verbo principal de la oración activa + el participio de pasado del verbo principal.

Houses are built by my father.
Sujeto Paciente Vb pasivo C. Agente

A continuación te presento cómo cambiar los tiempos verbales de activa a pasiva:

TENSES	ACTIVE VOICE	PASSIVE VOICE
Simple present	eat /eats	is /are eaten
Present Continuous	is /are eating	is / are being eaten
Simple past	ate	was / were eaten
Past continuous	was / were eating	was / were being eaten
Present perfect	has / have eaten	has / have been eaten
Past perfect	had eaten	had been eaten
Future	will eat	will be eaten
Conditional	would eat	would be eaten

EJERCICIOS

A) Change the following sentences into the passive voice:

- They have arrested the thief. *The thief has been arrested by them*
- An unemployed labourer was repairing my roof. *My roof was being repaired by an unemployed*
- The prime minister is making a speech. *The speech was being made by the prime minister*
- A greengrocer sells potatoes. *Potatoes are sold by a greengrocer*
- My landlady does my washing up. *My washing up is done by my landlady*
- They closed the shop at one o'clock. *The shop was closed by them at one o'clock*

- A policeman is using the telephone. The telephone is being used by the policeman
- A fourteen year old was driving the car. The car was being driven by a fourteen year old guy
- They had decorated the house.
- Teenagers buy a lot of pop records.
- Architects design buildings.
- A hat shades his eyes.
- They have made mistakes.
- They recorded the broadcast speech.
- Some of the workers have organized an unofficial strike.
- Some authors will judge the literary competition.
- We are preparing the room.
- A journalist is reading the letter.
- Horses pull carts.
- They were drinking coffee.

B) Complete the sentences using words from each line: Use passive voice

Build Paint Design Write Name Invent Discover

Eric the Red Marconi The Ancient Egyptians Picasso Eiffel George Orwell Erick & Watson

1. Greenland
2. Animal Farm
3. The Pyramids
4. The wireless
5. Guernica
6. The Statue of Liberty
7. The structure of DNA