

PASSIVES LEARNING HELP

Transitive verbs have both active and passive forms:

Active:

1. The hunter killed the lion.
2. Someone has cleaned the windows.

Passive:

1. The lion was killed by the hunter.
2. The windows have been cleaned.

The passive forms are made up of the verb be with a past participle:

English	<u>is</u>	<u>spoken</u>	all over the world.
The windows	<u>have been</u>	<u>cleaned</u> .	
Lunch	<u>was being</u>	<u>served</u> .	
The work	<u>will be</u>	<u>finished</u>	soon.
They might	<u>have been</u>	<u>invited</u>	to the party.

We sometimes use the verb get to form the passive:

1. Be careful with the glass. It might get broken.
2. Peter got hurt in a crash.

If we want to show the person or thing doing the action, we use by:

1. She was attacked by a dangerous dog.
2. The money was stolen by her husband.