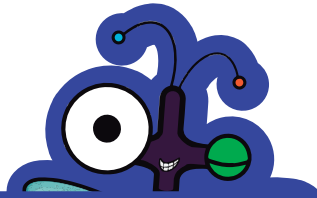


Passive Voice



The passive voice is used when we want to emphasize the action (the verb) and the object of a sentence rather than subject.

This means that the subject is either less important than the action itself or that we don't know who or what the subject is.

Legends **are** not **born**; they **are** made

Form of the passive voice:

he was born to be.

Subject + the appropriate form of *to be* + **Past Participle**

NOTE: The appropriate form of *to be* = To be is put in the the tense of the active voice main verb.

When rewriting active sentences in passive voice, note the following:

- The object of the active sentence becomes the subject of the passive sentence.
- The form of the verb is the appropriate form of to be (the tense of the active voice main verb) + the past participle.
- The subject of the active sentence becomes the object of the passive sentence (or is dropped.)

Examples:

Passive: The Lion was captured by the hunters.

Active: The hunters captured the lion.

