

STUDY REFERENCE

GRAMMAR Reality television in the U.S.

Language Summary

Present simple passive

- You use the present simple passive when you are interested in what happens to the subject, not what the subject does. It is often not important who does the action.

*The reality TV program **is watched** by millions of people.*

*The participants **are not paid**.*

Active:

*NBC **makes** the program.*

Passive:

*The program **is made** by NBC.*

Affirmative: am/is/are + past participle

*The program **is produced** by NBC.*

Negative: am/is/are + not + past participle

*The program **isn't produced** by CBS.*

Question: am/is/are + subject + past participle

***Is** the program **produced** by NBC?*

Note:

The past participle of regular verbs is *-ed* (*watched, enjoyed*).

Use **by** to identify who does the action.

