

**Active voice**

**Passive voice**





# How to Form the Passive

- To be + Past Participle



Reg. verb = V+ED



Irr. Verb : 3rd C. paradigm

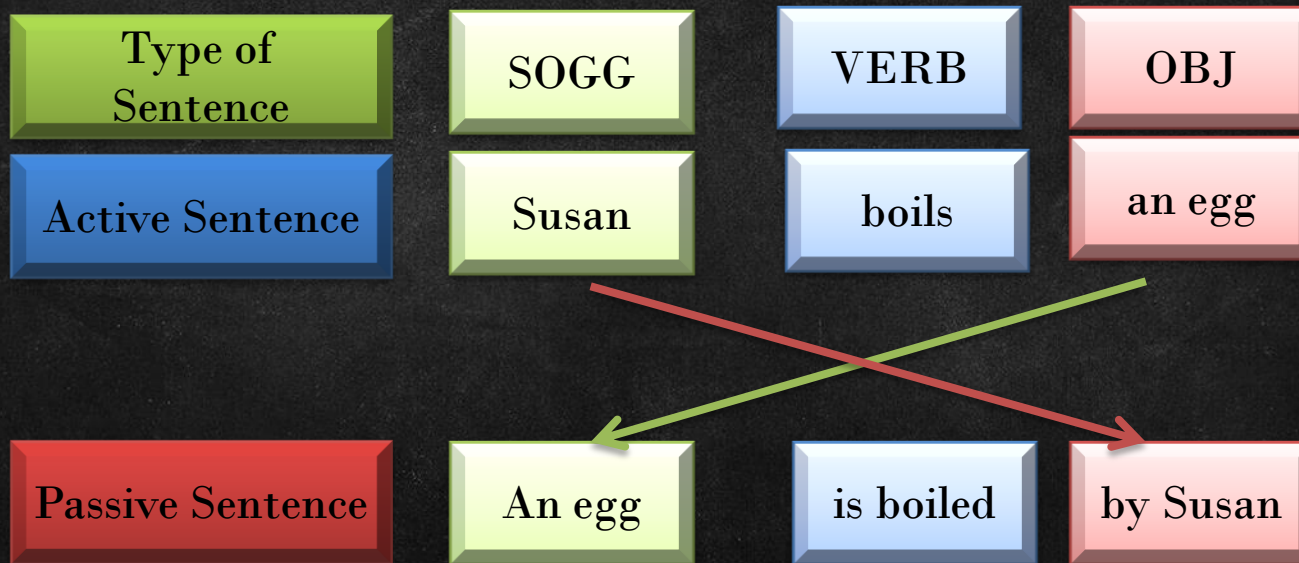






# From Active to Passive Sentence

- **Rules:** the **object** of the active sentence becomes **subject** in the passive sentence  
The **subject** of the active sentence becomes **object** in the passive sentence (or is left out)





# Simple Present

Sentence  
Type

Active

Passive

Subject

Helen

A book

Verb

writes

is  
written

Object

a book

by  
Helen







# Simple Past

Sentence  
Type

Active

Passive

Subject

Helen

A book

Verb

wrote

was  
written

Object

a book

by  
Helen





# Present Perfect

Sentence  
Type

Active

Passive

Subject

Helen

A book

Verb

has  
written

has **been**  
written

Object

a book

**by** Helen





# Present Continuous

Sentence  
Type

Active

Passive

Subject

Helen

A book

Verb

is  
writing

is **being**  
written

Object

a book

**by**  
Helen







# Past Continuous

Sentence  
Type

Active

Passive

Subject

Helen

A book

Verb

was  
writing

was  
**being**  
written

Object

a book

**by** Helen







# Future/Modals

Sentence  
Type

Active

Passive

Subject

Helen

A book

Verb

will  
write

will **be**  
written

Object

a book

**by**  
Helen





# Perfect Conditional

Sentence  
Type

Active

Passive

Subject

Helen

A book

Verb

would  
have  
written

would  
have **been**  
written

Object

a book

**by** Helen





# Use of Passive

- Passive voice is used when the focus is on the **action**.

Example: *My bike was stolen.*

- Sometimes a statement in passive is more **polite** than active voice

Example: *A mistake was made*

*In this case, I focus on the fact that a mistake was made, but I do not blame anyone (e.g. You have made a mistake.)*





# Double Object 1

Sentence Type	Subject	Verb	Object 1	Object 2
Active	Helen	wrote	a note	to me
Passive	I	was written	a note	by Helen







# Double Object 2

Sentence Type	Subject	Verb	Object 1	Object 2
Active	Helen	wrote	a note	to me
Passive	A note	was written	to me	by Helen



# By-Agent

- We are normally not interested in the "doer" of an action in a passive sentence.
- When we want to mention the "doer", we use the preposition **by**.
- Example: *The house was built **by** Mr Brown*
- When we do not know, who was the "doer" of the action, we use **someone** or **somebody** in the active sentence. We leave out these words in the passive sentence.

Example: *Someone stole my bike. (active)*

*My bike was stolen. (passive)*







# Exercises



- He opens the door. - .....
- We set the table. - .....
- She pays a lot of money. - .....
- I draw a picture. - .....
- They wear blue shoes. - .....
- They don't help you. - .....
- He doesn't open the book. - .....
- You do not write the letter. - .....
- Does your mum pick you up? - .....
- Does the police officer catch the thief?  
.....







# Exercises



- She sang a song. - .....
- Somebody hit me. - .....
- We stopped the bus. - .....
- A thief stole my car. - .....
- They didn't let him go.....
- Kerrie has paid the bill. - .....
- I have eaten a hamburger. - .....
- We have cycled five miles. - .....
- I have opened the present. - .....
- They have not read the book.....







# Exercises



- I can answer the question. - .....
- She would carry the box. - .....
- You should open the window. - .....
- You ought to wash the car. - .....
- He must fill in the form. ....
- Rachel will give you some advice.....
- She told me a lie.....
- They have written her a postcard.....
- The waiter has not brought us the coffee.....
- They did not offer her a seat.....







# Exercises



- John collects money. - .....
- Anna opened the window. - .....
- We have done our homework. - .....
- I will ask a question. - .....
- He can cut out the picture. - .....
- The sheep ate a lot. - .....
- We do not clean our rooms. - .....
- William will not repair the car. - .....
- Did Sue draw this circle? - .....
- Could you feed the dog? .....



**MASKS MUST  
BE WORN IN  
THE STORE**

Thanks for  
your  
attention!!!

**TRESPASSERS  
WILL BE  
PROSECUTED**

**NOTICE**  
**NO SMOKING  
ALLOWED  
IN THIS AREA**

I hope you  
enjoyed  
this lesson!

**NO  
TRESPASSING**  
VIOLATORS  
WILL BE SHOT  
SURVIVORS  
WILL BE SHOT  
AGAIN

See U  
soon!!!

