



PASSIVE

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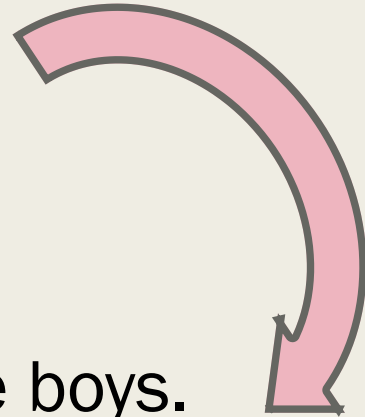


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Passive:

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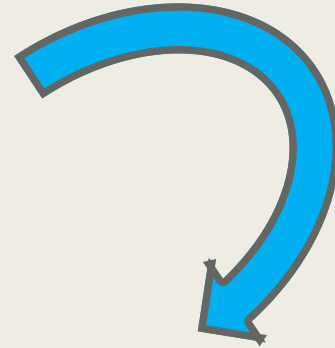


Active:

- Leo built this building in 1975.

Passive:

- This building was built by Leo in 1975.



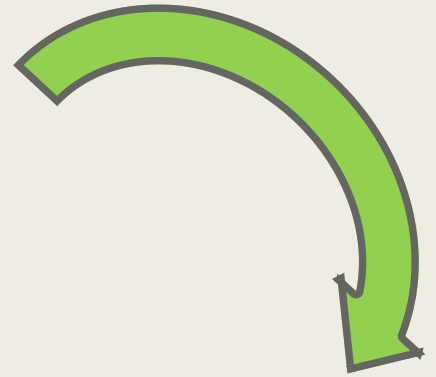


Active:

- The boy is eating all the apples.

Passive:

- All the apples are being eaten by the boy.



Changes in Pronouns

- I —————> by **me**
- You —————> by **you**
- He —————> by **him**
- She —————> by **her**
- It —————> by **it**
- We —————> by **us**
- They —————> by **them**

Example:

✓ **She** fed the dogs

✓ The dogs were fed **by her**



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Form

Passive Tense	Structure	Example
Present Simple	<i>am/are/is + PP*</i>	English is spoken here
Present Progressive	<i>am/are/is being + PP</i>	The house is being painted
Past Simple	<i>was/were + PP</i>	I wasn't invited , but I went
Past Progressive	<i>was/were being + PP</i>	I felt I was being watched .



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* PP = Past participle (V3)

When Do we use passive?



1. when the agent is unknown;

- *My car was stolen last night.
(I don't know who stole my car)*

2. to emphasise the action rather than the agent;

- *The factory was painted during the war. (We are interested in the factory.)*

3. when the agent is generally understood;

- *The thief was arrested (by the police).*

4. When we don't want to say who the agent is/was.

- *A mistake was made. (Active voice: I made a mistake.)*

Change from active to passive



1. People eat pizza all over the world.
2. Two teenagers saved a dog from drowning.
3. A heavy storm will hit the east coast next week.
4. Channel 37 broadcasts reality programs.
5. Alon is cleaning the table.
6. Do you consider yogurt a healthy food?
7. The teacher punished Jacob because he broke the chair.