

TENSE	SUBJECT	BE	PAST PARTICIPLE	BY SOMEONE (OPTIONAL)
Simple Present	The movie	is	loved	by hundreds.
Present Continuous	The TV show	is being	watched	by millions.
Future	The TV show	will be	seen.	
Simple Past	The movie	was	seen	by my friends.
Past Continuous	The TV show	was being	watched	by the children.
Present Perfect	The TV show	has been	enjoyed.	
Modal	The movie	might be	seen	by many teenagers.

LANGUAGE NOTES:

- The tense of *be* changes to fit the tense of the sentence.
- Use the past participle with every tense in the passive voice:
The papers were *filed* by the assistant.
- An adverb can be placed between the auxiliary verb and the main verb:
The ceremony is *usually* held in March.
- Never use *do*, *does*, or *did* with the passive voice:
The movie *wasn't* made in the United States. (**not**: The movie didn't made in the United States.)
When *was* the movie made? (**not**: When did the movie made?)
- If two verbs in the passive voice are connected with *and*, do not repeat *be*:
The movie is *seen* and *loved* by millions of people.
- After *by* the object pronoun is used:
Active: She saw him. *Passive*: He was seen by *her*.

EXERCISE 1

Fill in the blanks with the passive voice of the verb in parentheses, using the tense given.

Example: (simple past tense: *see*)

The movie *Titanic* _____ *was* _____ *seen* _____ by millions of people.

1. (simple present: *show*)

Before a movie comes out, it _____ to a big audience.

2. (present perfect: *make*)

Many movies _____ about the future.

3. (simple present: *think*)
The movie *Star Wars* _____ to be one of the best science fiction movies.
4. (simple past: *direct*)
The movie *Star Wars* _____ by George Lucas.
5. (present perfect: *award*)
It _____ just about every movie award that there is.
6. (simple present: *use*)
Home computers _____ by many for work and pleasure.
7. (simple past: *buy*)
Last year computers _____ by many university students.
8. (present perfect: *put*)
Assignments _____ on the Internet by professors.
9. (simple past: *select*)
The best Internet Web sites _____ by a committee of university students.

EXERCISE 2

Change each of the following sentences from the active to the passive voice. Keep the same verb tense.

Example: People in 12 countries watched the same television program.

The same television program was watched by people in 12 countries.

1. Young people all over the world can view the same programs.

2. Both older people and younger people use the Internet.

3. Many companies have created Internet Web sites.

4. Many companies sell products over the Internet.

5. A famous computer company president gave a speech about the Internet.

6. Thousands of people listened to the speech.
