

Overview of the Passive Voice

EXAMPLE		EXPLANATION	
The fire was started by a careless camper.		The passive verb uses a form of <i>be</i> + the past participle.	
Many trees were burned down.		The passive voice is used when the subject receives the action of the verb.	
The fire will be put out by the Forest Service.		Sometimes the performer of the action is included after a passive verb. Use $by + noun$ or object pronoun before the performer.	
Some homes were burned.		Usually a performer is not included in a passive sentence	
Th	ANGUAGE NOTE: e verb in passive voice shows that the subject received being passive voice shows that the subject received being passive that the subject received by the passive in the p		
: Y	Underline the verb in each senter active.	nce. Identify each sentence	as passive or
Exa	amples: My best friend just <i>sent</i> me some g	reat news by e-mail.	active
	Our friend Kathy may not be acce	$pted$ to the university. $__$	passive
1.	Radium was discovered by Marie Curie.		
2.	Jesse is finishing up the project right now.		
3.	His parents have sent him two packages this		
4.	You ought to be examined by a specialist.		
5.	The stock market has been climbing steadily	for the past six weeks.	
6.	These beautiful carpets are made entirely by	hand.	
7.	The new subway is being constructed by the		
8.	The winners of the Nobel Prizes will be annot	unced by the Nobel Commi	ttee later this week.
9.	This birthday cake was baked by my roommate.		
0.	Why did he give you such an ugly look?		
1.	This window must have been broken by a bas		
2.	We'll have to replace it.		

13.	The children have been told by their parents not to play ball near the house.	
14.	The window ought to be paid for by them.	
15.	Everyone enjoyed the camping trip.	
16.	One of the pieces of the puzzle was lost.	
17.	I cook breakfast for my family every morning.	
18.	Corn is grown in Kansas.	
ĒΥ	Choose the correctly formed passive verb to complete each sentence.	
Exa	mple: Tonight's news sponsers / sponsored by the ACME Corporation.	
1.	The First National Bank was robbed / robbed today around 5:00 p.m.	
2.	The robbers has not been caught / have not been caught yet.	
3.	Six firefighters were taked / were taken out of a forest fire 50 miles east of here.	
4.	They were brought / were brung to the hospital for second-degree burns.	
5.	All roads in the area has been closed / have been closed to everyone except the firefighters	
6.	A new mayor <u>elected / was elected</u> .	
7.	Results of the election were announced / was announced just an hour ago.	
8.	A conference on disease is being hold / is being held this week at the Medical Center.	
9.	A new drug to fight the disease <u>have been study / has been studied</u> by researchers at our medical school.	
10.	The research project was starting / was started by a group of international corporations.	
13.4	Underline the passive verb. Write who did the action at the end of each statement.	
Exa	mple: The door was opened by the wind.	
1.	The cat was fed	
2.	Children are raised	
3.	The composition was typed	