

| TENSE | ACTIVE | PASSIVE (<i>BE</i> + PAST PARTICIPLE) |
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| Simple Present | They take a vote. | A vote is taken . |
| Simple Past | They took a vote. | A vote was taken . |
| Future | They will take a vote. | A vote will be taken . |
| | They are going to take a vote. | A vote is going to be taken . |
| Present Perfect | They have taken a vote. | A vote has been taken . |
| Modal | They must take a vote. | A vote must be taken . |

LANGUAGE NOTE:

The passive voice can be used with different tenses and with modals. The past participle remains the same for every tense. Only the form of *be* changes.

EXERCISE 1

Change each of the following sentences from active to passive. Do not include a performer. (Do not include *by* + the performer.)

Examples: They could build a new house. A new house could be built.

She drank orange juice. Orange juice was drunk.

- They planned it carefully.

- She threw the ball.

- When will you finish your composition?

- You should send the letter.

- I can't change the tire here.

- They bought the T-shirt at the fair.

- We are going to paint the house.

- We didn't eat the pie.

EXERCISE 2 Change each of the following sentences from passive to active.

Example: Their old house was built in 1930 by her grandfather.

Her grandfather built their old house in 1930.

1. The new house is being built **by** the Johnson Brothers.
The Johnson Brothers _____
2. The plans for the new garden haven't been completed yet.
They _____
3. Trees, flowers, and grass will have to be planted after the house is completed.
They _____
4. The bank loan must be repaid within 30 years.
They _____
5. The loan for the old house had been paid off just a few years ago.
They _____
6. The new house was designed by their oldest daughter.
Their oldest daughter _____
7. The house will be painted by the family.
The family _____
8. The students should be shown examples by the teacher.
The teacher _____

EXERCISE 3 Write a passive sentence for each of the following subjects.

Example: The Eiffel Tower was built in Paris in the nineteenth century.

1. The cat _____
2. The grades _____
3. The food _____
4. The car _____
5. The computer _____
6. The train _____