

## PASSIVE VOICE

### REMEMBER

◆ Active voice = Subject + verb + COMPLEMENT

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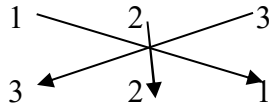
◆ Passive voice = reverse elements **1 & 3**

New subject + **be** + **past participle** / + **by** + new complement  
3                                      2                                      1

### OBSERVE

#### ◆ Present simple / singular

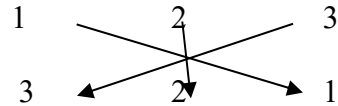
❖ Father buys bread



Bread is bought by father

#### ◆ Present simple / plural

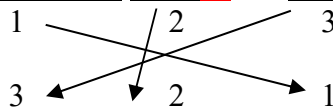
\* Mothers make the meals



The meals are made by mothers

#### ◆ Past simple / singular

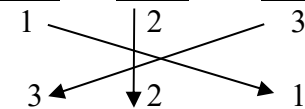
❖ The policeman arrested the thief



The thief was arrested by the policeman.

#### ◆ Past simple / plural

\* Sister wrote letters



Letters were written by sister.

### PRACTISE

◆ Write correct sentences in the passive

#### ❖ Past simple

- Telephone / invented / graham bell / by / was /
- Brother / bitten / a dog / was / by
- A thief / stolen / were / by / My keys
- The lightening / was / damaged / by / the house

#### ❖ Present simple

- Football / played / everybody / is / by
- Repaired / cars / are / by / mechanics
- Are / woodcutters / cut down / by / trees
- Grass / is / gardeners / by / cut

◆ Choose the correct sentence

#### ❖ people choose the president

- People are chosen by the president
- The president is chosen by people
- The president is choose by people

#### ❖ Columbus discovered America

- America was discovered by Columbus
- America were discovered by Columbus
- America is discovered by Columbus

#### ❖ Many persons speak English

- English was spoken by many persons
- English is spoken by many persons
- Many persons are spoken by English

#### ❖ Benjamin Franklin created the first public library

- Benjamin Franklin is created by the first public library
- The first public library were created by Benjamin Franklin
- The first public library was created by Benjamin Franklin

### APPLY

◆ Turn into the passive

- ❖ The maid cleans the house every day. ....
- ❖ We make glass from sand. ....
- ❖ They built the bridge some years ago. ....
- ❖ The boy broke three windows. ....
- ❖ The fire damaged many houses. ....
- ❖ My friend offered me a nice present. ....
- ❖ The Germans invented handball. ....
- ❖ Mother irons our clothes. ....