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Grammar Reference

Passive voice

We use **passive voice** when we want to say **what happens to the subject**. We use **active voice** when we want to say **what the subject does**.

Compare:

Active voice	Passive voice
My grandfather built the house in 1990.	The house was built by my grandfather in 1990.
The company employs twenty people.	Twenty people are employed by the company.

Form:

Subject + be + past participle +

We also use **passive voice** when **who or what causes the action** is often unknown or unimportant.

Example:

His money **was stolen**. (somebody stole it, but we don't know who)

This classroom **is cleaned** every day. (somebody cleans it, but it's not important who)

From active to passive voice:

Somebody **cleans** **this room** every day.

This room **is cleaned** every day.