

B Grammar

1 Passive voice use

We use the active voice when we focus on the person or thing doing the action. We use the passive voice when we focus on the person or thing affected by the action.

Active voice

Nick Aldrin **opened** his first shop in 1996. (active voice — the focus is on Nick Aldrin)

Passive voice

The first shop **was opened** in 1980. (passive voice — the focus is on the shop)

We use the passive voice when:

- the action is more important than who or what is responsible for the action
*Your debts **should be paid** off first.*
- we do not know who or what is responsible for the action
*Two hundred SX40 cell phones **were stolen** from the warehouse last night.*
- the person or thing that is responsible for the action is known
*The thief **was arrested**. (We know the police arrested him.)*
- we talk about impersonal situations
*It **is rumored** that we are getting a raise.*
- we do not want to say who is responsible
*The computer files **were unintentionally deleted**.*

2 Passive voice form

When an active verb becomes a passive verb, the person or thing that has been affected by the action becomes the subject of the verb.

Active

Traders **are following** the stock market movement very closely.

Passive

The stock market movement **is being followed** quite closely.

The verb be is followed by the main verb in its past participle form.

| Tense / Part of speech | Active | Passive |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| present simple | follow(s) | am / is / are followed |
| present continuous | am / is / are following | am / is / are being followed |
| past simple | followed | was / were followed |
| past continuous | was / were following | was / were being followed |
| present perfect | has / have followed | has / have been followed |
| past perfect | had followed | had been followed |
| will future | will follow | will be followed |
| going to future | am / is / are going to follow | am / is / are going to be followed |
| would | would follow | would be followed |
| would have | would have followed | would have been followed |
| infinitive | to follow | to be followed |
| gerund | following | being followed |

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