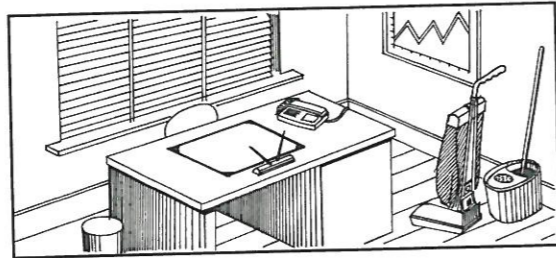


is done was done (passive 1)

A



The office **is cleaned** every day.

The office **was cleaned** yesterday.

Compare active and passive:

Somebody **cleans** the office every day. (active)

The office **is cleaned** every day. (passive)

Somebody **cleaned** the office yesterday. (active)

The office **was cleaned** yesterday. (passive)

B

The passive is:

present simple	am/is/are (not)	+	cleaned	done
past simple	was/were		invented	built
			injured	taken etc.

past participle

The past participle of regular verbs is **-ed** (cleaned/damaged etc.).
For a list of *irregular* past participles (**done/built/taken** etc.), see Appendix 2-3.

- Butter **is made** from milk.
- Oranges **are imported** into Britain.
- How often **are** these rooms **cleaned**?
- I **am** never **invited** to parties.
- This house **was built** 100 years ago.
- These houses **were built** 100 years ago.
- When **was** the telephone **invented**?
- We **weren't invited** to the party last week.
- 'Was anybody **injured** in the accident?' 'Yes, two people **were taken** to hospital.'

C

was/were born

- I **was born** in London in 1962. (not 'I am born')
- Where **were** you **born**?

D

Passive + by ...

- We were woken up **by a loud noise**. (= The noise woke us up.)
- The telephone was invented **by Alexander Bell** in 1876.
- My brother was bitten **by a dog** last week.

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active and passive ⇒ APPENDIX 1

EXERCISES

21.1 Write sentences from the words in brackets (...). Sentences 1-7 are present.

- (the office / clean / every day) The office is cleaned every day.
- (these rooms / clean / every day?) Are these rooms cleaned every day?
- (glass / make / from sand) Glass
- (stamps / sell / in a post office)
- (this room / not / use / very often)
- (we / allow / to park here?)
- (how / this word / pronounce?)

Sentences 8-15 are past.

- (the office / clean / yesterday) The office was cleaned yesterday.
- (the house / paint / last month) The house
- (three people / injure / in the accident)
- (my bicycle / steal / a few days ago)
- (when / this bridge / build?)
- (you / invite / to the party last week?)
- (how / these windows / break?)
- (I / not / wake up / by the noise)

21.2 Correct these sentences.

- This house built 100 years ago. This house was built ...
- Football plays in most countries of the world.
- Why did the letter send to the wrong address?
- A garage is a place where cars repair.
- Where are you born?
- How many languages are speaking in Switzerland?
- Somebody broke into our house but nothing stolen.
- When was invented the bicycle?

21.3 Complete the sentences. Use the passive (present or past) of these verbs:

clean damage find give invite make make show steal take

- The room is cleaned every day.
- I saw an accident yesterday. Two people were taken to hospital.
- Paper from wood.
- There was a fire at the hotel last week. Two of the rooms
- 'Where did you get this picture?' 'It to me by a friend of mine.'
- Many American programmes on British television.
- 'Did Jim and Sue go to the wedding?' 'No. They but they didn't go.'
- 'How old is this film?' 'It in 1965.'
- My car last week but the next day it by the police.

21.4 Where were they born?

- (Ian / Edinburgh) Ian was born in Edinburgh.
- (Sally / Birmingham) Sally
- (her parents / Ireland) Her
- (you / ???) I
- (your mother / ???)