

PASSIVE VOICE

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I write the reports.

Present Simple

I write the reports.

I write the reports.

I do
the action.

I write the reports.

I do
the action.

The action is happening
to the reports.

The reports are written by me.

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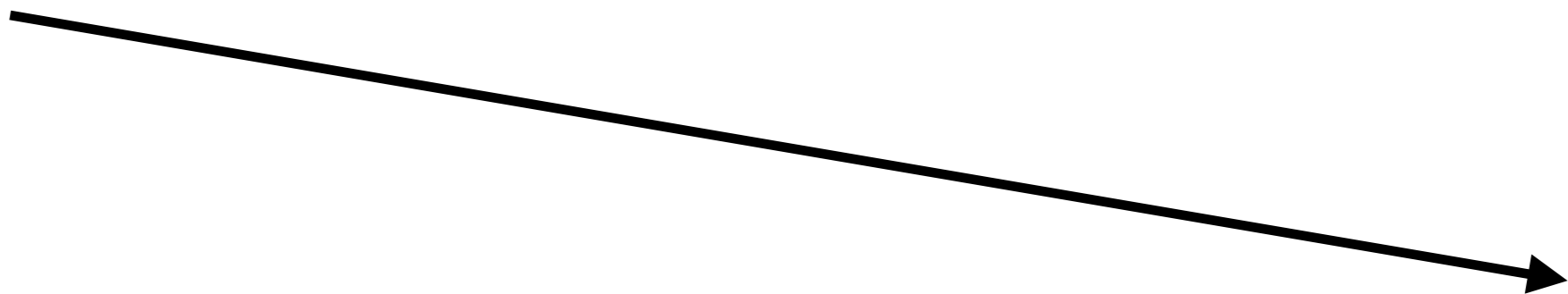
The reports don't do the action.
(Someone else does the action
to the reports).

I do the action
to the reports.

I write the reports.

The reports are written by me.

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[the reports] + to be + past participle + by + [me]

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WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE PASSIVE VOICE?

1. When the focus is on the action.

“The report was finished on time.”

2. When we don't know who did the action.

“The car was stolen.”

Present Simple

Emma cleans the house.

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[the house] + to be + past participle + by + [Emma]

Emma cleans the house.

[the house] + to be + past participle + by + [Emma]

The house is cleaned by Emma.

Past Simple

John saw Maria.

Past Simple

John saw Maria.

[Maria] + to be + past participle + by + [John]

Past Simple

John saw Maria.

[Maria] + to be + past participle + by + [John]

Maria was seen by John.

Past Continuous

He was fixing the computer.

Past Continuous

He was fixing the computer.

[the computer] + to be + past participle + by + [him]

Past Continuous

He was fixing the computer.

[the computer] + to be + past participle + by + [him]

The computer was being fixed by him.

PASSIVE VOICE TENSES

Tense	Active	Passive
Present Simple	I clean the house.	The house is cleaned (by me).
Present Continuous	I am cleaning the house.	The house is being cleaned (by me).
Past Simple	I cleaned the house.	The house was cleaned (by me).
Present Perfect	I have cleaned the house.	The house has been cleaned (by me).
Past Perfect	I had cleaned the house.	The house had been cleaned (by me).
Will (Future Simple)	I will clean the house.	The house will be cleaned (by me).
Be going to	I am going to clean the house.	The house is going to be cleaned (by me).
Modal Verbs	I should clean the house.	The house should be cleaned (by me).
Modal verbs (Perfect)	I should have cleaned the house.	The house should have been cleaned (by me).

QUIZ TIME!

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3. She must care for her parents.
4. They will tidy the house later.
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1. Fred took the car.

The car was taken by Fred.

2. I am organising my files.

The files are being organised by
me.

3. She must care for her parents.

Her parents must be cared for
by her.

4. They will tidy the house later.

The house will be tidied by
them later.

5. I have eaten all the pizza.

All the pizza has been eaten by me.

ANY QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU FOR WATCHING!

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