



PASSIVE

- IT IS USED WHEN THE **OBJECT OF THE ACTION** BECOMES THE **SUBJECT OF THE VERB.**
- **THE LESSON WAS TAUGHT BY THE TEACHER**

- THE **AGENT OF THE ACTION** IS PRECEDED BY THE PREPOSITION **'BY'**
- **THE STUDENTS WERE HELPED BY THE TUTOR**

TO BE + PAST PARTICIPLE

(VERB + ED / 3RD COLUMN)

EXAMPLES

- The **town council** is building a new hospital. (ACTIVE)
- A new hospital is being built (**by the town council**). (PASSIVE)

- The **postman** delivered the letter yesterday afternoon.
- The letter was delivered yesterday afternoon (**by the postman**).

TENSE	ACTIVE	PASSIVE
PRESENT SIMPLE	The nurse helps the doctor	The doctor is helped by the nurse
PRESENT CONTINUOUS	The nurse is helping the doctor	The doctor is being helped by the nurse
PAST SIMPLE	The nurse helped the dr	The dr was helped by the nurse
PAST CONTINUOUS	The nurse was helping the dr	The dr was being helped by you
PRESENT PERFECT	The nurse has helped the dr	The dr has been helped by you
WILL	The nurse will help the dr	The dr will be helped by you
TO BE GOING TO	The nurse is going to help the dr	The doctors are going to be helped by you
MUST	The nurse must help the dr	The dr must be helped by you
HAVE TO	The nurse has to help the dr	The dr has to be helped by you