

The Passive Voice

**What the
subject
does**

active

**What happened
to the subject**

passive

George repaired
my computer
yesterday.

My computer
was repaired by
George yesterday.

Verb form

S + **be** + **V₃**

Present simple **passive**

I **am** **invited** to the party.

Cheese **is** **made** from milk.

The pencils **are** **broken**
by boys.

Negative: S+ be + not + V3

I am not invited to the party.

Cheese is not made from oil.

The pencils are not broken
by boys.

Questions: be + S+ V3?

Am I invited to the party?

Is cheese made from milk?

Are the pencils broken
by boys?

Past simple **passive**

The door **was** **opened**.

The pictures **were** **taken**
on holiday.

The letter **was** **written** in English.

Negative: S + be + not + V3

The door was not opened.

The pictures were not taken on holiday.

The letter was not written.

Questions: be + S+ V3?

Was the door opened?

Were the pictures taken
on holiday?

Was the letter written in English?

Future simple **passive**

The rule **will be explained** **V₃**
by the teacher.

He **will be met** **V₃** at the airport.

They **will be woken up** **V₃** by a loud
noise.

Negative: S+ will+not + to be + V3

The rule **will not** **be explained**
by the teacher.

He **will not** **be met** at the airport.

They **will not** **be woken up**
by a loud noise.

Questions: Will + S + be + V3?

Will the rule be explained
by the teacher?

Will he be met at the airport?

Will they be woken up by a loud
noise?

My phone
was stolen
a week ago.

This room
is cleaned
every day.

...the **doers** of the actions?

unknown

unimportant

If we want to say

who does or

what causes

an action, we use **by**

This house was built

by my grandfather.

The thief will be arrested

by the police.

Examples from the cartoon:

What **am** I **charged** with?

The heart **was** **stolen** by the notorious
French thief.

I **was** **betrayed** by my very best friend.