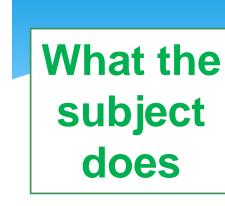
# The Passive Voice



active

What happened to the subject

passive

George repaired My computer my computer yesterday.

was repaired by George yesterday.

#### Verb form

S + be + V<sub>3</sub>

## Present simple passive V3

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 V<sub>3</sub>

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 V<sub>3</sub> by the teacher. V<sub>3</sub>

He will be met at the airport.

They will be woken up 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.