

THE PASSIVE

Simple Present :

Active : Mary helps john

Passive : john **is helped** by Mary

Present Continuous:

Active : Mary is helping john

Passive : john **is being helped** by Mary

Present Perfect:

Active : Mary has helped john

Passive : john has **been helped** by Mary

Simple Past:

Active : Mary helped john

Passive : john **was helped** by Mary

Past continuous:

Active : Mary was helping john

Passive : john was **being helped** by Mary

Past Perfect:

Active : Mary had helped john

Passive : john had **been helped** by Mary

Simple Future:

Active : Mary will help john

Passive : john will **be helped** by Mary

Be going to:

Active : Mary is going to help john

Passive : john is going to **be helped** by Mary

Future Perfect:

Active : Mary will have helped john

Passive : john will have **been helped** by Mary

Note: The continuous forms of the present perfect , past perfect , future and future perfect are very rarely used in the passive.

Active : Etken (İşin özne tarafından yapıldığı belliyse)
Passive: Edilgen (İşin özne tarafından yapıldığı belli değilse)

Verbs that can be used in the passive :

1. Most transitive verbs can be used in the passive. A transitive verb is a verb which has an object.

The police	caught	the thief
S	V	O

The thief was caught by police

2. Intransitive verbs cannot be used in the passive . An intransitive verb is a verb which does not have an object.

Rodney fell and hurt his leg.

Passive constructions with the infinitive:

Doğru olup olmadığını bilmediğimiz bir bilgi aktarmak istediğimizde veya bu bilginin kaynağını vermek istemediğimizde passive yapıyı şu fiillerle kullanırız : think ,believe , report , consider , know , say , expect , + infinitive.

1. Bilgi şu anki bir durumla ilgiliyse :

passive + infinitive.

örn: The queen is believed **to be** one of the richest people in the world.

örn: Mr Smit is thought **to be** staying with friends

2. Bilgi geçmişteki bir durumla ilgiliyse:

passive + the past infinitive (to have + past participle)

örn: Cher is said **to have** had a face lift.

NOT: The passive of doing = **being** done , seeing = **being** seen.

Örnekler:

Active: I don't like people telling me what to do

Passive: I don't like **being told** what to do

Active: Mr Miller hates people keeping him waiting

Passive: Mr miller hates **being kept** waiting

ACTIVE MODAL

Bob will mail it

Bob can mail it

Bob should mail it

Bob ought to mail it

Bob must mail it

Bob has to mail it

Bob may mail it

Bob might mail it

PASSIVE MODAL

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