



Passive voice



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When do we use it

- ❖ To form the passive, we use the appropriate tense of the verb **to be** + **the past participle** of the main verb.
- ❖ We use the passive when the action is more important than **the agent**(the person or thing doing the action). **Salt was discovered.**
(We are more interested in the action than the person who did it.)

Changing from Active into Passive

Active Subject Verb Object
Fire **destroyed** **a chapel in**
 1697.

Passive Subject Verb Object
A chapel was destroyed by fire in
 1697.





Active	Passive
They take visitors down into a hidden world	Visitors are taken down into a hidden world.
The miners carried salt up to the surface.	Salt was carried up to the surface by the miners.
They have mined salt there for over 700 years.	Salt has been mined there for over 700 years.
These unforgettable sights will amaze you.	You will be amazed by these unforgettable sights.

Fill in the missing active or passive forms

Active	Passive
1. Pollution has badly damaged the Sphinx.	a. The Sphinx. has been badly. damaged by pollution.
2. The ancient Egyptians.. built ..the Pyramids.	b. The pyramids were built by the ancient Egyptians.
3. Millions of tourists will visit the Louvre this year.	c. The Louvre.. will be visitedby millions of tourists this year.
4. Tourist sometimes..... confuse Tower Bridge with London Bridge.	d. Tower Bridge is sometimes confused with London Bridge by tourists.
5. People admire Prague for its Lovely buildings.	e. Prague Is admired ...for its lovely buildings.

Ask and answer

A: Who was America discovered by?

It was discovered by Christopher Columbus.

A: When was it discovered?

It was discovered in 1492.