

Past Continuous Passive Form

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Uses of passive voice

- Passive voice is used frequently in technical (and academic) writing
- Use passive voice for a specific purpose, not simply out of habit.
- Emphasizes the Action

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Pronoun Chart

	Subject Pronouns	Object Pronouns	Possessive Adjectives	Possessive Pronouns	Reflexive Pronouns
1 st person	I	me	my	mine	myself
2 nd person	you	you	your	yours	yourself
3 rd person (male)	he	him	his	his	himself
3 rd person (female)	she	her	her	hers	herself
3 rd person	it	it	its	(not used)	itself
1 st person (plural)	we	us	our	ours	ourselves
2 nd person (plural)	you	you	your	yours	yourselves
3 rd person (plural)	they	them	their	theirs	themselves

Forming Simple Past Progressive Passive

- Affirmative Form

Object + was / were + being + verb3
(past participle)

- Question Form

Was / Were + Object + being + verb3 (past participle) ?

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EXAMPLES:

Active : I was watching TV .

Passive: TV was being watched by me.

Active : She was writing a letter.

Passive: A letter was being written by her.

Active : We were having a picnic.

Passive : A picnic was being had by us.

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- Active : The boy was throwing the stone.
- Passive: The stone was being thrown by the boy.

- Active : What was he writing on the desk?
- Passive: What was being written by him on the desk?

- Active : Was the suspect dragging you?
- Passive: Were you being dragged by the suspect?

- Active : Nobody was watching TV.
- Passive: The TV wasn't being watched (by anybody).

The passive forms of these sentences will begin with be (was/were).

Example:

Active: Were the masons building a house?

Passive: Was a house being built by the masons?

When the active sentence begins with a question word such as when, why, which and how, the passive sentence will also begin with a question word.

Active: Why was he not learning his lessons?

Passive: Why were his lessons not being learnt by him?

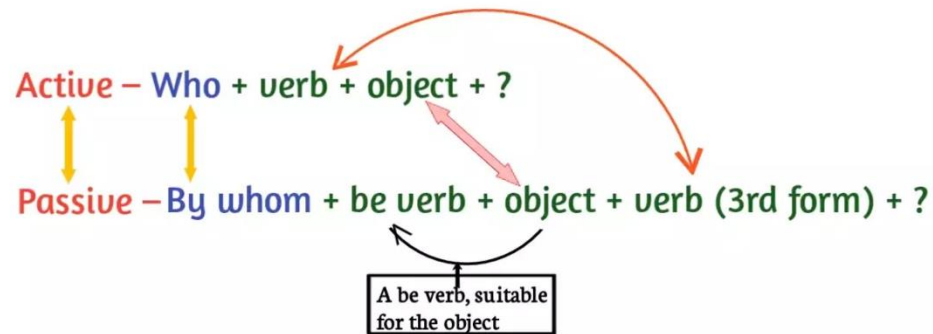
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Active : Who was waiting for you?

Passive : By whom were you being waited for?

Active : Whom were you waiting for?

Passive : Who was being waited for by you?



Active –

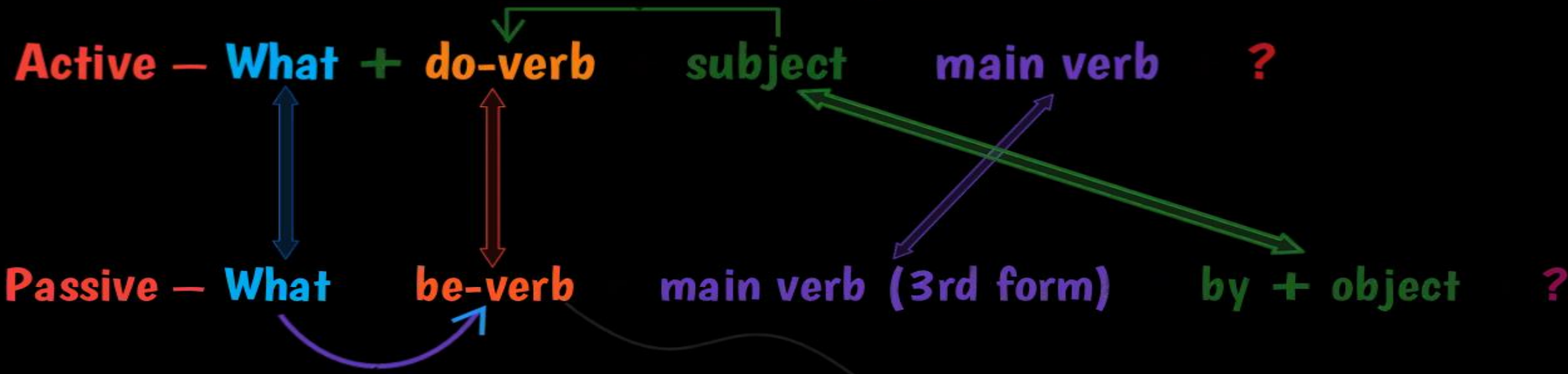
Structure –	Who	Verb	Object	?
E.g. –	Who	Plays	Cricket	?

Passive –

Structure –	By whom	Be verb	Object	Verb ³	?
E.g. –	By whom	Is	Cricket	Played	?

be verb *is* is suitable for the object *cricket*.

Do-verb is used according to the subject



Be-verb is according to the 'what'.

And the *tense of the be-verb* is according to the *tense of do-verb of active*.

Active – What do-verb subject main verb ?
What did you eat ?

Passive – What be-verb main verb (3rd form) by object ?
What was eaten by you ?

- 1 - I was writing a letter.
A letter was being written by me.
- 2 - He was cooking Food.
Food was being cooked by me.
- 3 - They were Playing football.
Football was being played by them.
- 4 - She was making cake .
Cake was being made by her.
- 5 - He was learning English.
English was being learnt by him.

- 7 - She was making changes.
Changes were being made by her.
- 8 - I was repairing L.C.D .
L.C.D was being repaired by me.
- 9 - I was making Tutorials .
Tutorials were being made by me.
- 10 - They were implementing rules.
Rules were being implemented by them.
- 11 - We were taking medicine.
Medicine was being taken by us.

- 12 - She was understanding World.
World was being understood by her.
- 13 - We were building buildings.
Buildings were being built by us.
- 14 - He was cooking french fries.
French fries were being cooked by him.
- 15 - We were helping poor.
Poor was being helped by us.
- 16 - We were painting homes.
Homes were being painted by us.

Put the following sentences into passive voice. (past continuous)

- 1. They were expecting a guest.
- 2. The chef wasn't cooking the meat.
- 3. The women were cleaning all the blinds.
- 4. They were watching the newest videos.
- 5. Who was taking care of the baby?
- 6. Why were they picking the flowers?
- 7. Were they painting the room when the accident happened?

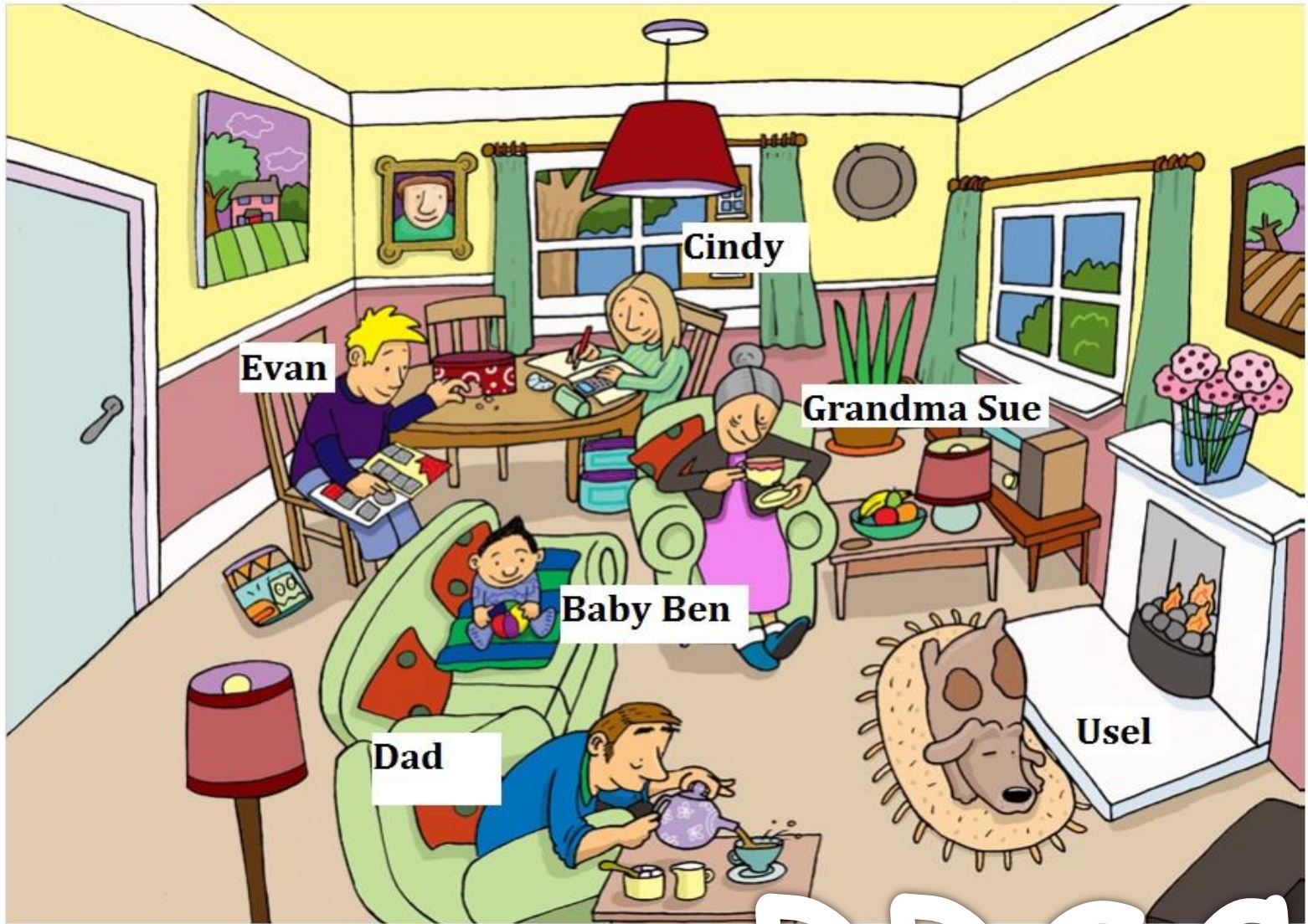
- 1. We were talking about Francis.**
- 2. He was playing the guitar.**
- 3. She was watching a film.**
- 4. I was repairing their bikes.**
- 5. They were not eating dinner.**

- 1. We were not painting the gate.**
- 2. You were not driving him home.**
- 3. He was not feeding the dogs.**
- 4. Was she reading these lines?**
- 5. Were they carrying bags?**



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