

PASSIVE FORM

From active form into passive form

Cats eat mice .
Subject Verb Object

Mice are eaten by cats.
Subject + BE + past + agent
participle

3 transformations :

- 1) The object becomes subject
- 2) Introduce the auxiliary BE and conjugate it . Add the past participle of the verb
- 3) The subject becomes agent introduced by the preposition BY.

NB: Sometimes the agent is not mentioned when everybody understands what is being talked about.

Present simple: Mice are eaten by cats.

Present continuous: Mice are **being** eaten by cats.

Past simple: Mice were eaten by cats.

Past continuous : mice were **being** eaten by cats.

Present perfect simple : Mice **have been** eaten by cats.

Present perfect continuous : Mice **have been being** eaten by cats.

Modals : Mice **can be** eaten by cats.

could **be** eaten

may **be** eaten

might **be** eaten

must **be** eaten

will **be** eaten

would **be** eaten

shall **be** eaten

should **be** eaten,

TRANSFORM INTO THE PASSIVE FORM

- 1) My father reads a newspaper every day .
- 2) The children are doing their maths homework now.
- 3) Susan found her new watch under the bed .
- 4) The gazelle was drinking water when the lion jumped on her .
- 5) We have recorded yesterday's football match on a DVD .
- 6) Peter could eat five bananas after lunch when he was 12.
- 7) You should never make a fire inside your bedroom .
- 8) They must send the letter before Wednesday .
- 9) The American president gave a speech on TV last night
- 10) I have caught three fish for lunch : 2 big ones and a small one.