

Active Voice and Passive Voice

Hello and welcome back in this lesson we will be exploring the **Active Voice** and **Passive Voice**.

Sentences can be active or passive. Therefore, tenses also have "**active forms**" and "**passive forms**."

Recap:

We have three main tenses in English.



Past



Present (NOW)



Future

Tense		Simple	Continuous	Perfect	Perfect + Continuous
	Present	verb (s)	am/is/are + verb + ing	has/have + PP	has/have + been + verb + ing
Past	verb + ed	was/were + verb + ing	had + PP	had + been + verb + ing	
Future	will + verb	will + be + verb + ing	will + have + PP	will + have + been + verb + ing	

In each tense we have:



Active Form

Within active sentences, the thing doing the action is the **subject** of the sentence

The thing receiving the action is the **object**.

Active sentences are the most commonly used.

(The thing/person doing the action) + (verb) + (the thing/person receiving the action)

John

+

punches

+

James



Examples:

The clown entertains the audience.

Harry tidies the room. Jane loves Darren.

Passive Form

Within passive sentences, the thing receiving the action is the **subject** of the sentence

The thing doing the action is optionally included near the end of the sentence.



When to use?

- 1) When the thing receiving the action is more important.
- 2) If you do not know who is doing the action or if you do not want to mention who is doing the action.



**(The thing/person receiving the action) + (be) + (past participle of verb)
+ (by) + (the thing/person doing the action)**

James + is + punched + by + John



Examples:

The audience is entertained by the clown.

The room is cleaned by tom. Darren is loved by Jane.

Firstly let's recap the tenses:

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Remember:

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Here are the forms:

Tense	Active	Passive
Simple Present	Terry sells the house.	
Simple Past	John punched James.	
Simple Future	Someone will start the party.	
Present Continuous	Right now, Debbie is writing the letter.	

Past Continuous	The manager was talking to the customer	
Future Continuous	Harry will be running home.	
Present Perfect	Many people have visited London.	
Past Perfect	Alex had burnt his arm many times before he received treatment.	
Future Perfect	The film will have finished when we get there.	
Present Perfect Continuous	Recently, Sarah has been doing the work.	
Past Perfect Continuous	Kyle had been playing as the drummer in a band for two years , before he played the guitar.	
Future Perfect Continuous	The famous artist will have been painting the mural for over six months by the time it is finished.	