

# PASSIVE VOICE

- ✿ Χρησιμοποιούμε Active Voice όταν θέλουμε να πούμε ότι κάποιος ή κάτι κάνει μία δράση ή πράξη
- ✿ Χρησιμοποιούμε Passive Voice όταν θέλουμε να πούμε ότι κάτι συμβαίνει σε κάποιον ή κάτι.

## When to use the passive voice:

When you want to emphasize an action itself and the doer of the action is irrelevant, distracting unimportant, obvious, confidential, already mentioned or difficult to identify ↴

↳ Scientific / academic contexts, crime reports or incidents with unknown perpetrators, impersonal tone

## Για να μετατρέψουμε μία πρόταση από την ενεργητική στην παθητική φωνή:

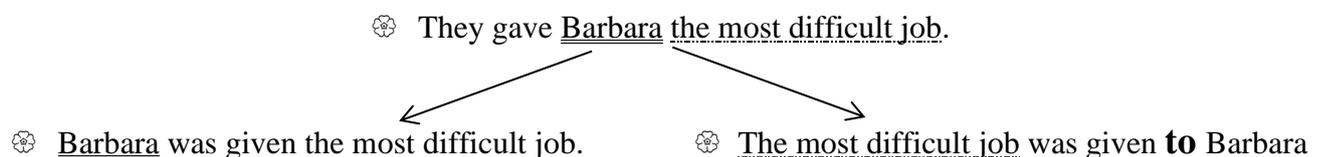
1. Το αντικείμενο του ρήματος γίνεται υποκείμενο  
eg. She helped me. → I was helped by her.
2. Χρησιμοποιούμε το ρήμα to be στον ίδιο χρόνο ή μορφή που είναι το ρήμα της πρότασης στην ενεργητική φωνή και προσθέτουμε το past participle (παθητική μετοχή) του ρήματος  
eg. They are helping me → I am being helped
3. Όταν θέλουμε να πούμε ποιος έκανε την πράξη στην παθητική φωνή χρησιμοποιούμε το by (και το υποκείμενο της ενεργητικής πρότασης)  
eg. Martha and Tim will prepare the meal → The meal will be prepared by Martha and Tim

Δε χρησιμοποιούμε ποιητικό αίτιο:

- ✿ δε γνωρίζουμε ποιος έκανε την πράξη (The door was left open.)
- ✿ δε μας ενδιαφέρει ποιος έκανε την πράξη (Has the problem been dealt with?)
- ✿ είναι προφανές ποιος ή τι έκανε την πράξη (Amanda has been arrested.)
- ✿ είναι πολύ γενικό (Millions of emails are sent every week.)

## Ρήματα με δύο αντικείμενα

Σχηματίζουν την παθητική φωνή με δύο τρόπους



## Ρήματα που ακολουθούνται από πρόθεση

eg. They disposed of the rubbish. → The rubbish was disposed of.

## Make

Στην παθητική φωνή ακολουθείται από απαρέμφατο με to.

eg. They won't make her do it. → She won't be made to do it.

# exercises

## 1. Circle the correct answer.

1. I *gave / was given* that CD by Josh. it was a birthday present.
2. When we got home, she *was watching / was being watched* an old film on TV.
3. Her wedding dress *is going to make / is going to be made* by a famous designer.
4. At the moment, Andy *is writing / is being written* a letter to his friend Sally.
5. The children's bedroom *has painted / has been painted* green.
6. The police *arrested / were arrested* three men early this morning.
7. None of the students *could answer / could be answered* the teacher's questions.

## 2. Circle the correct answer a, b, c or d.

1. "Why is Mark so upset?" "His car \_\_\_\_\_ by a falling tree last night."  
 a. damaged                      b. has damaged                      c. was damaged                      d. was damaging
2. The painting \_\_\_\_\_ in the middle of the night.  
 a. stole                              b. has stolen                              c. was stolen                              d. be stolen
3. "Is the air conditioner working again yet?" "No, it \_\_\_\_\_ fixed."  
 a. still                              b. still be                              c. is still                              d. is still being
4. It \_\_\_\_\_ he only got the job because his father is the mayor.  
 a. is thought that                      b. thinks to be                              c. is they think                              d. is thinking
5. "Did you enjoy the film?" "Yes, it was brilliant. Do you know who it was \_\_\_\_\_?"  
 a. directed                              b. directed by                              c. directing                              d. being directed
6. He \_\_\_\_\_ to be the best player in the team.  
 a. says                              b. is said                              c. has said                              d. is saying
7. "Why do we have to move into the other building?" "Because our office is going \_\_\_\_\_ next week.  
 a. decorating                              b. to be decorated                              c. to decorate                              d. to be decorating
8. After lunch, the children were made \_\_\_\_\_ their room.  
 a. tidy                              b. tidying                              c. to tidy                              d. to be tidying

## 3. Rewrite the following sentences in the Passive Voice

1. They are installing my new burglar alarm at the moment.

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2. Has anybody posted that letter?

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3. Somebody broke the living room window.

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4. They are going to knock down the old wooden bridge.

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5. Somebody should take the dog for a walk every day.

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6. They will have sold all the tickets for the concert by now.

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7. Sarah sent her friends a picture of the house.

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