

Grammar tables

Simple passives

Passive sentences focus on the noun that is the receiver or result of an action, rather than the noun that is performing the action (the agent).

Present simple passive - positive

passive subject	'to be'	past participle	
Paper	is	made	from wood.
Tigers	are	found	in India.

Present simple passive - negative

passive subject	'to be'	past participle	
Paper	isn't	made	from metal.
Tigers	aren't	found	in Canada.

Present simple passive - questions

'to be'	passive subject	past participle		
Is	paper	made	from wood	?
Are	tigers	found	in India	?

Past simple passive - positive

passive subject	'to be'	past participle	
The bridge	was	opened	in 1977.
The pyramids	were	built	by the ancient Egyptians.

Past simple passive - negative

passive subject	'to be'	past participle	
The bridge	wasn't	opened	in 1968.
The pyramids	weren't	built	by the modern Egyptians.

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Past simple passive - questions

'to be'	passive subject	past participle		
Was	the bridge	opened	in 1977	?
Were	the pyramids	built	by the ancient Egyptians	?