

PASSIVE VOICE

- FOCUS IS ON THE OBJECT OF THE SENTENCE/RECEIVER OF THE ACTION, NOT THE SUBJECT/PERFORMER OF THE ACTION.
- USE **BY** WHEN YOU MENTION WHO DID THE ACTION

BE + VERB PAST PARTICIPLE → MAIN STRUCTURE

1. PRESENT PV

AM
IS (NOT) + VERB PP
ARE

EX: ENGLISH IS SPOKEN IN THIS CLASS.

2. PAST PV

WAS (NOT) + VERB PP
WERE

EXAMPLE: WORLD CUP 2014 WAS HELD IN BRAZIL.

3. PRESENT CONTINUOUS PV

IS
ARE (NOT) + BEING + VPP
AM

EXAMPLE: THE FINAL MATCH IS BEING PLAYED AT 5:00 TODAY.

4. PAST CONTINUOUS PV

WAS
WERE (NOT) + BEING + VPP

EXAMPLE: IT WAS VERY WINDY WHEN THE SCENE WAS BEING SHOT.

5. PRESENT PERFECT PV

HAVE
HAS (NOT) + BEEN + VPP

EXAMPLE: THE ACTOR HAS BEEN NOMINATED FOR AN OSCAR.

6. PAST PERFECT PV

HAD
HADN'T + BEEN + VPP

EXAMPLE: WHEN WE CAME BACK FROM VACATION, WE REALIZED OUR HOUSE HAD BEEN ROBBED THE DAY BEFORE.

7. PASSIVE INFINITIVE

VERB + TO BE + VPP
(HAVE)
(NEED)

EXAMPLE: YOUR REPORT NEEDS TO BE FINISHED TODAY.

8. FUTURE PV

- WILL / WON'T + BE + VPP
- AM
IS + GOING TO + BE + VPP
ARE

EXAMPLES:

- THESE SCENES WILL BE SHOT ON LOCATION.
- SOME OF THE EXTRAS ARE GOING TO BE INVITED TO THE MOVIE PREMIERE.