

Passive Voice

- - - - - A sentence written in the passive voice uses a **passive verb form**. The passive form of a verb tells us that someone (or something) has an action done to them. In a passive voice sentence, what would usually be the object (the person/thing being acted upon by the verb) in the active voice, now becomes the subject of the sentence.
- - - - - A passive sentence uses an auxiliary verb followed by a past participle verb form. A sentence written in the passive voice usually includes a preposition after the verb, to introduce the object.



The apples were picked by Peter.

subject	passive verb	preposition	object
The recipient of the action of the verb of the sentence.	This is the action happening in the sentence. The auxiliary verb is were and the past participle is picked .	In a passive sentence, a preposition is a word or group of words used to introduce the subject.	The person, place or thing that is performing the action in the passive voice.

Together, the preposition and the object create a prepositional phrase.