

# Changing a sentence into the passive when the active verb is in the simple past or past continuous tense

## When the active verb is in the simple past tense

Sentences in the simple past tense are formed with the second form of the verb.

Active verb form: second form of the verb

Passive verb form: was/were + past participle form of the verb

### Exercise

Change the following sentences into the passive voice.

1. She made a third attempt.
2. The boy asked a difficult question.
3. She wrote an award-winning novel.
4. The terrorists blew up the bridge.
5. The police caught the thief.

### Answers

1. A third attempt was made by her.
2. A difficult question was asked by the boy.
3. An award-winning novel was written by her.
4. The bridge was blown up by the terrorists.
5. The thief was caught by the police.

# Changing a sentence into the passive when the active verb is in the simple past or past continuous tense

When the active voice is in the past continuous tense

Active verb form: was/were + -ing form of the verb

Passive verb form: was/were + being + past participle form of the verb

Exercise

Change the following sentences into the passive.

1. Megha was writing a poem.
2. The woman was washing clothes.
3. The masons were building the house.
4. Mother was making a cake.
5. The girl was painting a picture.

Answers

1. A poem was being written by Megha.
2. Clothes were being washed by the woman.
3. The house was being built by the masons.
4. A cake was being made by mother.
5. A picture was being painted by the girl.