

Passives and causative

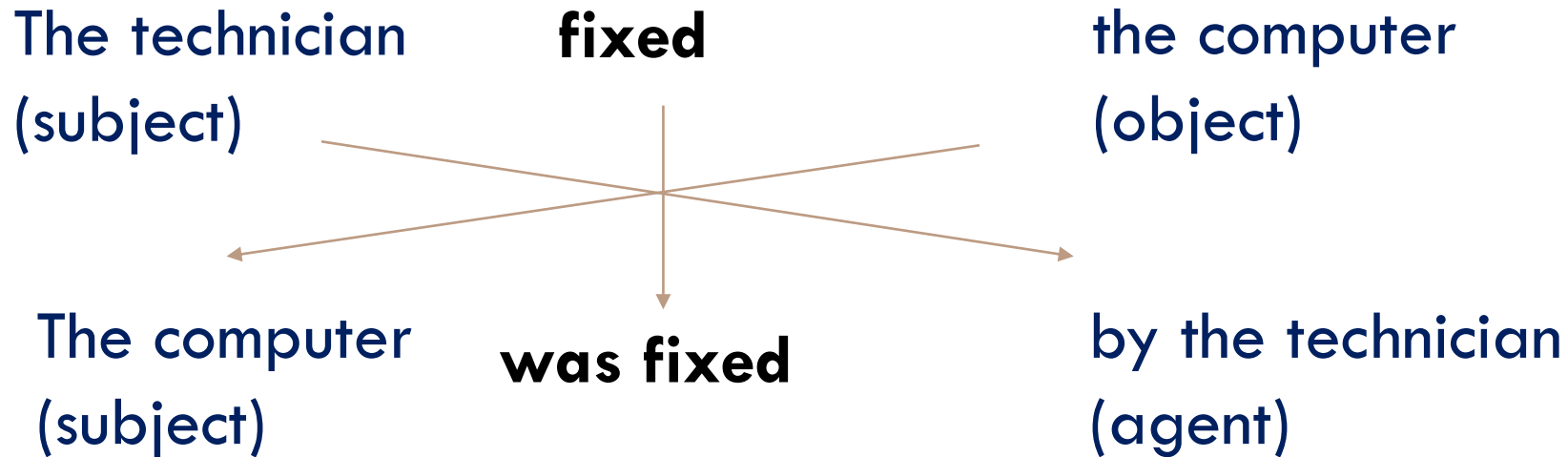
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The Passive - Use

-To indicate that the object is more important than the subject



-Subject is irrelevant, obvious or unknown.

E.g. Somebody **bought** the new device → The new device **was bought**

Active Passive: Changes

- Verb **to be** carries the same tense as the main verb in active voice
- Main verb takes the **past participle** form
- Will, be going to, modals do not change: the following verb **IS** transformed into passive.
- When included, subject from the active voice sentence moves to final position, using a preceding **by**.

Structure

Affirmative: Subject + to be + past participle of main verb.

E.g. Amazon sells books (active) → Books are sold by Amazon

Negative: Subject + to be + not + past participle of main verb.

E.g. Amazon doesn't sell books (active) → Books aren't sold by Amazon

With MODALS, PERFECT TENSES, FUTURE SIMPLE (WILL) add NOT to the modal, have / has , will e.g. Books won't be sold by Amazon

Structure

Interrogative: (QW) + To be + subject + past participle of main verb.

E.g. Are books sold by Amazon?

With MODALS, PERFECT TENSES, FUTURE SIMPLE (WILL) = (QW)+ modal, have/has, will + subject + To be + past participle of main verb.

E.g. (When) will books be sold by Amazon?

TENSES OVERVIEW

Present simple

Amazon **sells** books (active) → Books **are sold** by Amazon (passive)

Past simple

Amazon **sold** books (active) → Books **were sold** by Amazon (passive)

TENSES OVERVIEW

Present continuous

Amazon **is selling** books (active) → Books **are being sold** by Amazon
(passive)

Past cont.

Amazon **was selling** books (active) → Books **were being sold** by Amazon
(passive)

TENSES OVERVIEW

Future simple

Amazon **will sell** books (active) = Books **will be sold** by Amazon (passive)

Be going to

Amazon **is going to sell** books (active) = Books **are going to be sold** by Amazon (passive)

TENSES OVERVIEW

Present perfect

Amazon **has sold** books (active) = Books **have been sold** by Amazon (passive)

Past perfect

Amazon **had sold** books (active) = Books **had been sold** by Amazon (passive)

TENSES OVERVIEW

Modals

Amazon **should sell** books (active) = Books **should be sold** by Amazon (passive)

Modal perfects

Amazon **could have sold** books (active) = Books **could have been sold** by Amazon (passive)

TENSES OVERVIEW

Have to

Amazon **has to** sell books (active) = Books **have to be sold** by Amazon (passive)

Sentences with TWO objects

We will give a computer to Paul (active)

Paul will be given a computer (passive)

A computer will be given to Paul (passive)

Further knowledge...

Passive sentences with **SAY / THINK / BELIEVE / KNOW / REPORT =**

It + verb in passive + that [S+V+O]

E.g. “Coronavirus first originated in China” (active)

It is said that coronavirus first originated in China (passive)

S + verb in passive + infinitive

Coronavirus is known to be dangerous to our health (passive)

THE CAUSATIVE (Have/get sth done)

Used for actions that someone else does for us.

- We use **HAVE** or **GET** + **N** + **past participle**

E.g. I should **have my hair CUT**

Emma **got her house painted** last week

Let's practice!

1. Rewrite the sentences in two ways

They will give ten people free concert tickets

They showed everyone their holiday photos

They gave each runner a souvenir T-shirt

The airline has offered me a first-class seat

Let's practice! (have/get sth done)

2. Complete sentences with the correct form of the word in brackets.

-My car is dirty, so I it later today (wash)

-When you your room? It looks great now!
(paint)

-John didn't like his tattoo, so he it (remove)

-It's a good idea to your eyes once a year (examine)