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1. Passive Form = forma passiva

Nelle frasi attive, il soggetto compie l'azione. Nelle frasi passive, il soggetto subisce l'azione.

frase attiva

> The lifeguard saved the drowning boy.

Il bagnino salvò il ragazzo che stava annegando.

frase passiva

> The drowning boy was saved by the lifeguard.

Il ragazzo che stava annegando fu salvato dal bagnino.

present simple

active form Masons build houses.

passive form Houses are built by masons.

present continuous

active form The masons are building a new house.

passive form A new house is being built by the masons.

past simple

active form My mother baked a delicious apple pie.

passive form A delicious apple pie was baked by my mother.

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past continuous

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active form The painter was drawing a beautiful sunset.

passive form A beautiful sunset was being drawn by the painter.

present perfect

active form The mechanic has fixed my broken car.

passive form The broken car has been fixed by the mechanic.

past perfect

active form My gardener had mowed the lawn.

passive form The lawn had been mowed by the gardener.

future

active form The gardener will water the flowers.

passive form The flowers will be watered by the gardener.

present conditional

active form My girlfriend would cook a delicious dinner.

passive form A delicious dinner would be cooked by my girlfriend.

past conditional

active form My girlfriend would have cooked a delicious dinner.

passive form A delicious dinner would have been cooked by my

girlfriend.

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Transitive and Intransitive Verbs | verbi transitivi e intransitivi

Un verbo è transitivo quando l'azione compiuta dal soggetto passa 1. al complemento oggetto.

Jane washes the dishes.

Jane soggetto

dishes complemento oggetto

Un verbo è intransitivo quando non regge un complemento 2. oggetto.

Jane goes to school by bus.

Soltanto i verbi transitivi possono avere la forma passiva.

Jane washes the dishes. / The dishes are washed by Jane.

Nota

La forma passiva è molto usata nei documenti ufficiali e nel linguaggio scientifico.

- 1. La forma passiva viene usata con divieti, disposizioni e istruzioni.
- Dogs are not allowed in the hospital. >
- Cameras are not allowed in courtrooms. >
- 2. Quando si vuole mettere in evidenza un fatto più che l'autore.
- The Eiffel Tower was built for the World Exhibition in 1889.
- 3. Quando non si conosce l'autore di un fatto.
- The car was stolen during the night. (Non si sa chi è stato.)