

# Passive Voice



➤ **Active voice:** the subject performs the action:

Dad **repairs** the bike.

➤ **Passive voice** is used when we are interested in the action. It is not important or not known, who or what caused the action.

The bike **is repaired**.

## 2. Passive verb formation:

Form of „be“ + past participle (=3. Form of verb)

Tense	Subject	Form of „be“ + past participle (3.form)	Examples
Present	I	am (not) called ....	The room ..... (clean) every day. Stamps ..... (sell) here.
	he /she/it	is (not) born ....	English ..... (speak) all over the world.
	We/you/they	are (not) called ....	We ..... (call) the „Twins“.
Past tense	I/you/he/she/it	was (not) informed .....	The room ..... (paint) last year. These houses ..... (build) in 2001.
	We/you/they	were (not) called ....	My bike ..... (steal) yesterday.
Future	All persons	will (not) be interviewed	The car ..... (repair) soon.

## EXERCISES:

### I. Underline the correct option:

- Football ..... in many countries.  
*is played*      *are played*
- These pictures ..... last year.  
*was taken*      *were taken*
- This street ..... after a famous sportsman.  
*are named*      *is named*
- Tomorrow my car .....  
*is repaired*      *will be repaired*
- These chairs ..... of plastic.  
*is made*      *are made*
- Our house ..... in the year 1985.  
*is built*      *was built*

### II. Complete the text with the phrases from the box:

were born – was born – were built – was built – are made – is made – is named – is called – are named – are called

- Look at the picture of my dream house. It ..... of chocolate and the windows ..... of marzipan.
- I have got a little cat. Its name is Shakira. It ..... after the famous pop star. All my friend's pets ..... after famous sportsmen. His dog ..... Herminator and his cats ..... Benjamin and Marlis.
- When ..... you .....? I ..... in the year 1990.
- The Empire State Building ..... in 1931. These factories ..... in 2003.

### III. Fill in the correct verb forms: (passive in present simple / past simple / will future)

- Every year** many new houses ..... (build) in my hometown.
- The office ..... (clean) **last night**.
- She ..... (take) to hospital **soon**.
- Every day** many bikes ..... (steal) in London.
- Some minutes ago** dinner ..... (serve).
- I hope I ..... (invite) to Mike's party next weekend.
- „Hamlet“ ..... (write) by Shakespeare.
- The new cinema ..... (open) next Saturday.
- Many foxes ..... (kill) every year.
- Milk ..... (use) for producing cheese and yoghurt.
- Yesterday Sally ..... (send) to the headmaster.
- He ..... (allow) to go to the disco next Saturday.
- The cows ..... (feed) two hours ago.
- In future many things ..... (do) by robots.
- Every day many people ..... (kill) in car accidents.