



1st semester

Topic 24:

Passives and Causatives.

ACTIVE VOICE

Three cartoon penguins with angry expressions, standing on a yellow oval shadow.

Wild penguins
attacked my sister .
action subject

PASSIVE VOICE

A cartoon girl with a large black mouth, crying, with 'X' marks for eyes, surrounded by tears and bows, standing on a yellow oval shadow.

subject action
My sister was attacked
by wild penguins.

- *Active voice* is used when we say what the subject does.

Example: My grandfather built this house in 1935.

- *Passive voice* is used when we say what happens to the subject.

Example: This house was built in 1935.

- *Passive voice is used when the focus is on the action. It is not important or not known, however, who or what is performing the action.
Example: My bike was stolen.*
- *Sometimes a statement in passive is more polite than active voice.
Example: A mistake was made. (You made a mistake)*

FORM:

When rewriting active sentences in passive voice, note the following:

- ✓ The **object of the active sentence** becomes **the subject of the passive sentence**

*We wrote **a letter***

***A letter** was written by us.*

✓ The *finite form of the verb is changed*

Finite form of to be + Past Participle

We *wrote* a letter

A letter *was written* by us.

Tense	Active	Passive
Present Simple	Ben Affleck <i>directs</i> that film.	That film <i>is directed</i> by Ben Affleck.
Present Continuous	Ben Affleck <i>is directing</i> that film.	That film <i>is being directed</i> by Ben Affleck.
Past Simple	Ben Affleck <i>directed</i> that film.	That film <i>was directed</i> by Ben Affleck.
Past Continuous	Ben Affleck <i>was directing</i> that film.	That film <i>was being directed</i> by Ben Affleck.
Present Perfect Simple	Ben Affleck <i>has directed</i> that film.	That film <i>has been directed</i> by Ben Affleck.
Past Perfect Simple	Ben Affleck <i>had directed</i> that film.	That film <i>had been directed</i> by Ben Affleck.
Future Simple	Ben Affleck <i>will direct</i> that film.	That film <i>will be directed</i> by Ben Affleck.
Modals	Ben Affleck <i>should direct</i> that film.	That film <i>should be directed</i> by Ben Affleck.
Modal Perfects	Ben Affleck <i>must have directed</i> that film.	That film <i>must have been directed</i> by Ben Affleck.
have to	Ben Affleck <i>has to direct</i> that film.	That film <i>has to be directed</i> by Ben Affleck.
be going to	Ben Affleck <i>is going to direct</i> that film.	That film <i>is going to be directed</i> by Ben Affleck.

- ✓ The **subject of the active sentence** either becomes **the agent** of the passive sentence (with **preposition by**) or it is **dropped**.

We wrote a letter

Somebody sends me a lot of flowers.

A letter was written **by us**. A lot of flowers are sent to me

REMEMBER TO CHANGE PRONOUNS (SUBJECT – AGENT COMPLEMENT)

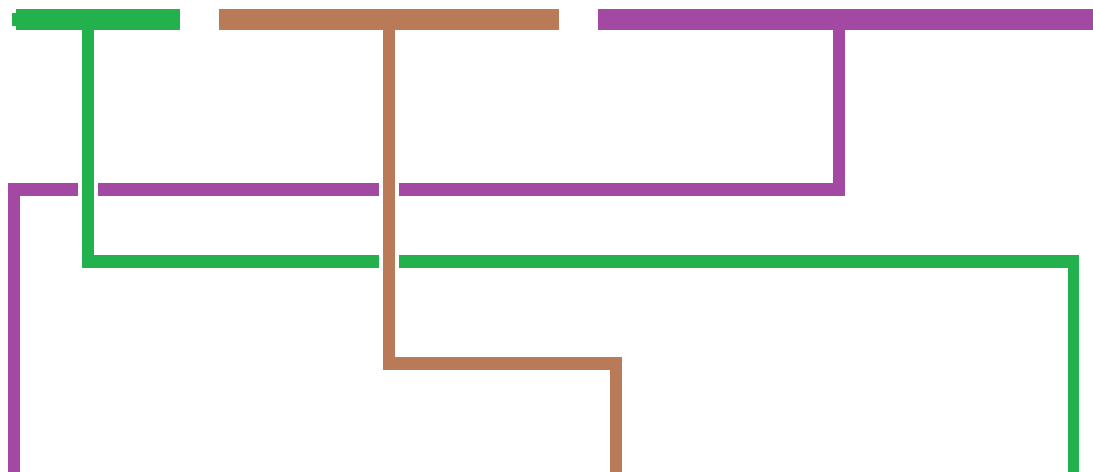
PERSONAL PRONOUNS	OBJECT PRONOUNS	
I YOU HE SHE IT WE YOU THEY	prep.+	ME YOU HIM HER IT US YOU THEM
Elena is my teacher = She is my teacher.	This novel was written by David Lodge. = This novel was written by him .	

subject

verb

object

He opens the door.



The door is opened by him.

subject

verb

agent



CAUSATIVE HAVE / GET

- *It's used to say that we arrange for somebody else to do something for us.*



LISA

The roof of Lisa's house was damaged in a storm. Yesterday a workman came and repaired it.

Lisa had the roof repaired yesterday.

This means: Lisa arranged for somebody else to repair the roof. She didn't repair it herself.

- *It's also used when something happens to somebody or their belongings and it isn't nice.*

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*Paul **had all** his money **stolen** while he was on holiday.*

*Gary **had** his nose **broken** in a fight.*

FORM:

have	object	past participle
Lisa had	the roof	repaired yesterday.
Where did you have	your hair	cut?
Your hair looks nice. Have you had	it	cut?
Our neighbour has just had	a garage	built.
We are having	the house	painted at the moment.
How often do you have	your car	serviced?
I think you should have	that coat	cleaned.
I don't like having	my photograph	taken.

✓ *Have sth done = Get sth done*

* *Get is a bit more informal*