



Passive Voice

HOW TO USE

- **“be verb” + past participle of the main verb**

EXAMPLES

1. The cake was eaten by the boy.

S V O

2. Five liters of gasoline was pumped into the car.

S V O

3. Lions can be seen at the zoo.

S V O

4. The student has been yelled at many times by the teacher.

S V O

- ◇ **Use when you want to draw attention to the thing being acted upon.**

EXAMPLES:

1. A police man was shot by criminals.

2. John was given \$5,000 from Susan.

3. My car has been broken into six times this month.

- ◇ **Use when the actor in the situation is not important.**

EXAMPLES:

1. Trash can be thrown out on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

2. The knife must be sharpened before it can cut anything.

3. Spaghetti is eaten with a fork.



Review

◇ Use the words below to make a sentence. You don't have to use the words in the order you see them.

Longer Sentences

Ex. eaten / me

Toast was eaten for breakfast by me.

1. driven / my friend

2. written / my mother

3. drunk / my boss

4. seen / not

5. heard / could

6. cleaned / should



Conversation

◇ Answer these simple questions. Answer in the PASSIVE VOICE.



Some Questions

Ex. Who drove your car last?

My car was driven by me last.

1. What was the last thing you cooked?

2. What did you eat for dinner last night?

3. Who cleans your room?

4. What TV show do you often watch?

5. How many beers can you drink in one night?

6. What do you sometimes forget at home?

◇ Read the sentences on page 41. Circle anything that you don't understand.



Conversation

◇ Choose a topic and write 3 questions about it.

 **Example: WEIRD QUESTIONS**

Questions

1. *What kind of shoes are you wearing?* _____ .
2. *What kind of animals have you kissed?* _____ .
3. *If you could, would you eat panda steak?* _____ .

 **Topic 1: WEIRD QUESTIONS**

Questions

1. _____ .
2. _____ .
3. _____ .

 **Topic 2: WEIRD QUESTIONS**

Questions

1. _____ .
2. _____ .
3. _____ .

 **Topic 3: WEIRD QUESTIONS**

Questions

1. _____ .
2. _____ .
3. _____ .