**PASSIVE VOICE I**

**USE:** We mostly use the passive when who/what causes the action is either unknown or unimportant. If we do want to mention who/what causes the action we use *by (*eg. it was built by my father*)*

**FORM of the verb: BE + PAST PARTICIPLE**

**How to turn an active sentence to the passive:**

*Study the example sentence: Scientists use animals for their experiments.*

1. Identify Subject: Scientists

Verb: use

Object: animals

(and other parts of the sentence that will not be changed or moved (for their experiments)

1. Start your passive sentence with the object (animals),
2. put the verb *To Be* in the tense/form of the active verb (are)
3. and the main verb in the Past Participle (regular verbs: Verb+ed, irregular verbs: 3rd column) (used)
4. include agent if necessary (by scientists)
5. keep all adverbials etc. in the place you found them in the active sentence (for their experiments)

=> Animals are used by scientists for their experiments.

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|  | Active Voice | Passive Voice |
| **Present Simple** | They make feta cheese in Greece. | Feta cheese is made in Greece. |
| **Present Continuous** | They are building a new bridge. | A new bridge is being built. |
| **Present Perfect** | John has suggested a solution. | A solution has been suggested by John. |
| **Past Simple** | My parents built this house in 1987. | This house was built by my parents in 1987. |
| **Past Continuous** | (We couldn’t stay with them) because they were redecorating their flat. | (We couldn’t stay with them) because their flat was being redecorated. |
| **Past Perfect** | By 85 A.D., the Romans had conquered Britain. | By 85 A.D., Britain had been conquered by the Romans. |
| **Future simple** | They will send an email. | An email will be sent. |
| **Future Perfect** | I will have finished the book by Monday. | The book will have been finished by Monday. |
| **Be going to** | The government is going to lower wages. | Wages are going to be lowered by the government. |
| **Modals** | You should use an electric drill. | An electric drill should be used. |
|  | People can park cars here. | Cars can be parked here. |
|  | People must wear protective gear at all times. | Protective gear must be worn at all times. |