The Passive in the simple present

1. Bildung. Das Passiv bildet man so:

\[ \text{am / is / are} + \text{past participle} \] (ed-Form oder dritte Spalte)

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2. Der by-agent. Die Person oder Sache, die etwas macht, wird mit einem sogenannten “by-agent” angegeben:

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<td>I am invited ( \text{by Carol.} )</td>
<td>Ich werde ( \text{von Carol} ) eingeladen.</td>
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3. Vom Aktiv ins Passiv. Wenn du einen Satz vom Passiv ins Aktiv setzen sollst, wird das Objekt zum Subjekt. Das Subjekt des Aktiv-Satzes wird zum by-agent:

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The passive in the simple present

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EXERCISE 3 Setze die richtige Form von to be + past participle ein und übersetze die Passivsätze b-e ins Deutsche. Alle Verben sind regelmäßig.

TIPP: Denke an die Rechtschreibregeln bei der Bildung des past participle:
1. y nach einem Konsonanten (!) wird zu –ie: carry -> carried
   (NICHT nach einem Vokal: play -> played)
2. ein Konsonant nach kurzem (!), betontem (!) Vokal wird verdoppelt: hug -> hugged
   (nach langem Vokal: rain -> rained; nach unbetontem Vokal: open -> opened)
3. nach einem –e wird nur ein –d angehängt: prepare -> prepared

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EXERCISE 4 Jetzt wird es etwas schwieriger: Bei dieser Übung gibt es auch unregelmäßige Verben, und du musst selbst den richtigen by-Agent einsetzen.

a) Mr. Parker writes a letter. A letter ______  __________ by ____________________.
b) The students read lots of books. Lots of books ______  __________ by ____________________.
c) The bird eats the bird food. The bird food ______  __________ by ____________________.
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e) The cat catches two mice. Two mice ______  __________ by ____________________.
f) The boys don’t buy shoes. Shoes ______  __________ by ____________________.
g) Our teachers hears us. We ______  __________ by ____________________.
h) Mum makes a cake. A cake ______  __________ by ____________________.
i) Sally brings a bottle of milk. A bottle of milk ______  __________ by ____________________.

EXERCISE 5 Wenn du Sätze vom Passiv ins Aktiv setzen musst (und andersherum), musst du oft auch die Pronomen ändern. Vervollständige die Tabelle mit den richtigen Pronomen!

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EXERCISE 7 Taking care of the pets. Jetzt geht es anders herum:
Setze die Aktivsätze ins Passiv.
Ex. The babies are named by me.
-> I name the babies.

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g) However, ghosts __________________________ (not see) by tourists very often.

h) Every year on Halloween a great party __________________________ (organize) by the owners of the castle.

i) I __________________________ (always, invite) by the owners because they __________________________ (know) my parents.

j) It is always lots of fun: The castle __________________________ (decorate) with black candles and everybody __________________________ (wear) creepy costumes.
Lösungen

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LIZ UND BOB WERDEN NICHT VON IHR ANGERUFEN.

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WIR WERDEN VON MEINEM FREUND EINGELADEN.

f) I close the window. The window is closed by me.

The police arrest them. They are arrested by the police.

h) We kiss you. You are kissed by us.

The guide doesn’t warn me. I am not warned by the guide.

She locks the cupboard. The cupboard is locked by her.

k) The school informs the parents. The parents are informed by the school.

l) The girls colour the pictures. The pictures are coloured by the girls.

m) Nick pushes you. You are pushed by Nick.

n) He uses my pen. My pen is used by him.

The toys are dried by us.

The trip is not planned by them.

p) They don’t plan the trip. We are chased by the dog.

The dog chases us.

Dinner is prepared by the cook.

q) The dog chases us. The boxes are carried by her.
t) He watches me.  
I am watched by him.

u) The coach answers the players’ questions. 
The players’ questions are answered by the coach.

v) They phone us.  
We are phoned by them.

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Shoes aren’t bought by the boys.

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We are heard by our teachers.

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A cake is made by mum.

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e) You can also eat medieval food that is made there.  
f) They even say that real ghosts live in the castle and come out at night.  
g) However, ghosts aren’t seen by tourists very often.  
h) Every year on Halloween a great party is organized by the owners of the castle.  
i) I am always invited by the owners because they know my parents.  
j) It is always lots of fun: The castle is decorated with black candles and everybody wears creepy costumes.