

## The Passive in the simple present

1. **Bildung.** Das Passiv bildet man so:

**am / is / are** + **past participle** (ed-Form oder dritte Spalte)

### simple present

<i>Ich</i>	<b>werde</b>	<i>(nicht)</i>	<i>beobachtet.</i>	<b>Werde</b>	<i>ich</i>	<i>(nicht)</i>	<i>beobachtet?</i>
I	<b>am</b>			<b>Am</b>	I		
You/we /they	<b>are</b>	<i>(not)</i>	<i>watched.</i>	<b>Are</b>	you/we/they	<i>(not)</i>	<i>watched?</i>
He/she/it	<b>is</b>			<b>Is</b>	he/she/it		

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

Aktiv	Passiv
The bathroom is cleaned <b>by my sister.</b>	Das Bad wird <b>von meiner Schwester</b> geputzt.
I am invited <b>by Carol.</b>	Ich werde <b>von Carol</b> eingeladen.
The house is destroyed <b>by an earthquake.</b>	Das Haus wird <b>von einem Erdbeben</b> zerstört.

Für den by-agent musst du die **Objekt-Form** des Personalpronomens verwenden:

	Aktiv		Passiv	
	<b>Subjektpronomen</b>			<b>Objektpronomen</b>
1. Sg.	<b>I</b>	see my friend.	My friend is seen by	<b>me.</b>
2. Sg./Pl.	<b>You</b>	see my friend.	My friend is seen by	<b>you.</b>
3. Sg.	<b>He</b>	sees my friend.	My friend is seen by	<b>him.</b>
	<b>She</b>	sees my friend.	My friend is seen by	<b>her.</b>
	<b>It</b>	sees my friend.	My friend is seen by	<b>it.</b>
1. Pl.	<b>We</b>	see my friend.	My friend is seen by	<b>us.</b>
3. Pl.	<b>They</b>	see my friend.	My friend is seen by	<b>them.</b>

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:

	Subjekt	Verb	Objekt	by-agent
<b>Aktiv</b>	<i>The teacher</i>	corrects	<u>the class tests.</u>	-
<b>Passiv</b>	<u>The class tests</u>	are corrected	-	<i>by the teacher.</i>
<b>Mit Pronomen:</b>				
<b>Aktiv</b>	<i>He</i>	corrects	<u>them.</u>	
<b>Passiv</b>	<u>They</u>	are corrected		<i>by him.</i>

## The passive in the simple present

**EXERCISE 1** Lies den Text und unterstreiche alle Verben im Passiv.

My grandma and grandpa live in a very small town in the country. It's far away from the big city where we live. However, my grandparents are often visited by their grandchildren because the village is a good place to relax. The community meadow is mown every week, so you can lie in the sun or play Frisbee there. Also, a lot of fun activities are offered by the youth club, such as bicycle races and art contests. There is also a castle that is visited by lots of tourists every day. I also love the food. Fresh vegetables and fruits are grown in all the gardens; nothing is bought at the supermarket. Everything tastes so much better.

**EXERCISE 2** Aktiv oder Passiv? Kreuze die richtige Antwort an.

	active	passive
a) My sister is visiting our aunt.		
b) The kids are buying chips.		
c) Tom read the book.		
d) The food is brought by the waiter.		
e) A car is stolen by her.		
f) I am playing the drums.		
g) The car is repaired.		
h) We are helped.		

**EXERCISE 3** Setze die richtige Form von to be + past participle ein und übersetze die Passiv-Sätze 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

a) Carol washes the dishes.                      The dishes are washed by Carol.

ÜS: Das Geschirr wird von Carol gewaschen.

b) My grandma visits me.                      I \_\_\_\_\_ by my grandma.

ÜS: \_\_\_\_\_

c) Joe opens the door.                      The door \_\_\_\_\_ by Joe.

ÜS: \_\_\_\_\_

d) She doesn't call Liz and Bob.              Liz and Bob \_\_\_\_\_ not \_\_\_\_\_ by her.

ÜS: \_\_\_\_\_

e) My friend invites us.                      We \_\_\_\_\_ by my friend.

ÜS: \_\_\_\_\_

f) I close the window.                      The window \_\_\_\_\_ by me.

g) The police arrest them.                      They \_\_\_\_\_ by the police.

- h) We kiss you. You \_\_\_\_\_ by us.  
 i) The guide doesn't warn me. I \_\_\_\_\_ not \_\_\_\_\_ by the guide.  
 j) She locks the cupboard. The cupboard \_\_\_\_\_ by her.  
 k) The school informs the parents. The parents \_\_\_\_\_ by the school.  
 l) The girls colour the pictures. The pictures \_\_\_\_\_ by the girls.  
 m) Nick pushes you. You \_\_\_\_\_ by Nick.  
 n) He uses my pen. My pen \_\_\_\_\_ by him.  
 o) We dry the toys. The toys \_\_\_\_\_ by us.  
 p) They don't plan the trip. The trip \_\_\_\_\_ not \_\_\_\_\_ by them.  
 q) The dog chases us. We \_\_\_\_\_ by the dog.  
 r) The cook prepares dinner. Dinner \_\_\_\_\_ by the cook.  
 s) She carries the boxes. The boxes \_\_\_\_\_ by her.  
 t) He watches me. I \_\_\_\_\_ by him.  
 u) The coach answers the players' questions. The players' questions \_\_\_\_\_ by the coach.  
 v) They phone us. We \_\_\_\_\_ by them.

**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 \_\_\_\_\_.  
 d) Carl sees me. I \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_.  
 e) The cat catches two mice. Two mice \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_.  
 f) The boys don't buy shoes. Shoes \_\_\_\_\_ not \_\_\_\_\_ 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!

a) <b>You</b>	hear	<b>me.</b>	->	<b>I</b>	am heard by	<b>you.</b>
b) They	help	us.		_____	are helped by	_____.
c) We	see	them.		_____	are seen by	_____.
d) I	call	him.		_____	is called by	_____.
e) She	invites	us.		_____	are invited by	_____.
h) They	don't open	it.		_____	is not opened by	_____.
i) He	draws	her.		_____	is drawn by	_____.
j) You	close	them.		_____	are closed by	_____.
k) It	doesn't touch	you.		_____	are not touched by	_____.

**EXERCISE 6** Setze jetzt diese Sätze ins Passiv.

- 1) Romeo loves Juliet. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2) He opens the windows. \_\_\_\_\_



- d) Pet food is bought by my parents.  
 e) The tortoise is taken to the vet by Mum.  
 f) The bird cages are repaired by us.  
 g) A cat toy is made by you.  
 h) The puppies are bathed by him.  
 j) The kitties are carried by the cat.

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**EXERCISE 8** Aktiv oder Passiv? Setze die richtige Form des Verbs in Klammern ein.



- a) In my home town, there \_\_\_\_\_ (be) an old castle.
- b) The castle \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) by lots of tourists who \_\_\_\_\_ (want) to learn about the Middle Ages.
- c) They \_\_\_\_\_ (show) around by tourist guides. The guides \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) them about the history of the castle.
- d) Most of the tourists \_\_\_\_\_ (love) the old furniture and the suits of armor (*Ritterrüstungen*) that \_\_\_\_\_ (exhibit (*ausstellen*)) there.
- e) You can also eat medieval food that \_\_\_\_\_ (make) there.
- f) They even say that real ghosts \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in the castle and \_\_\_\_\_ (come) out at night.
- 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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b) The kids are buying chips.	x	
c) Tom read the book.	x	
d) The food is brought by the waiter.		x
e) A car is stolen by her.		x
f) I am playing the drums.	x	
g) The car is repaired.		x
h) We are helped.		x

## EXERCISE 3

a) Carol washes the dishes.                      The dishes are washed by Carol.

ÜS: Das Geschirr wird von Carol gewaschen.

b) My grandma visits me.                      I **am visited** by my grandma.

ÜS: **Ich werde von meiner Oma besucht.**

c) Joe opens the door.                      The door **is opened** by Joe.

**Die Tür wird von Joe geöffnet.**

d) She doesn't call Liz and Bob.              Liz and Bob **are** not **called** by her.

**Liz und Bob werden nicht von ihr angerufen.**

e) My friend invites us.                      We **are invited** by my friend.

**Wir werden von meinem Freund eingeladen.**

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

g) The police arrest them.                      They **are arrested** by the police.

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

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

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 c) The bird eats the bird food. The bird food **is eaten** by the bird.  
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 g) Our teachers hears us. **We are heard** by our teachers.  
 h) Mum makes a cake. **A cake is made** by mum.  
 i) Sally brings a bottle of milk. **A bottle of milk is brought** by Sally.

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## EXERCISE 6 Setze jetzt diese Sätze ins Passiv.

- 1) Romeo loves Juliet. Juliet is loved by Romeo.  
 2) He opens the windows. The window is opened by him.  
 3) I don't change the color. The color isn't changed by me.  
 4) Carl hates them. They are hated by Carl.  
 5) My parents buy groceries. Groceries are bought by my parents.  
 6) We plan the party. The party is planned by us.  
 7) They see him. He is seen by them.  
 8) Kate washes the dirty shirt. The dirty shirt is washed by Kate.  
 9) Dad tidies the living room. The living room is tidied by Dad.  
 10) She carries her. She is carried by her.  
 11) He sells his car. His car is sold by him.  
 12) Grandma makes a cake. A cake is made by Grandma.  
 13) You do your homework. Your homework is done by you.  
 14) They feed the animals. The animals are fed by them.  
 15) Ruth greets her. She is greeted by Ruth.  
 16) She cleans her shoes. Her shoes are cleaned by her.  
 17) We like him. He is liked by us.  
 18) I make a film. A film is made by me.  
 19) She takes pictures. The pictures are taken by her.

20) The teachers thank us.	We are thanked by the teachers.
21) You kick him.	He is kicked by you.
22) They don't return the money.	The money isn't returned by them.
23) The referee ends the game.	The game is ended by the referee.
24) He doesn't drink the milk.	The milk isn't drunk by him.
25) Carl hits his friend.	His friend is hit by Carl.
26) Shakespeare writes a play.	A play is written by Shakespeare.
27) I save you.	You are saved by me.
28) We don't hear her.	She isn't heard by us.
29) Carol and her son find me.	I am found by Carol and her son.
30) You do the laundry.	The laundry is done by you.
31) She orders a glass of lemonade.	A glass of lemonade is ordered by her.
32) They break the glass.	The glass is broken by them.
33) Nick doesn't help us.	We aren't helped by Nick.
34) The teacher introduces you.	You are introduced by the teacher.
35) He doesn't drop the keys.	The keys aren't dropped by him.
36) I watch the squirrel (Eichhörnchen).	The squirrel is watched by me.

## EXERCISE 7

a) The cat is fed by John.	John feeds the cat.
b) The food bowls are cleaned by me.	I clean the food bowls.
c) The dog is taken for a walk by my sisters.	My sisters take the dog for a walk.
d) Pet food is bought by my parents.	My parents buy pet food.
e) The tortoise is taken to the vet by Mum.	Mum takes the tortoise to the vet.
f) The bird cages are repaired by us.	We repair the bird cages.
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