Das Passiv in allen Zeiten

**BILDUNG.** Das Passiv wird immer mit einer Form von *to be* und dem past participle (ed-Form bzw. dritte Spalte) gebildet. Diese Bestandteile sind unten kursiv markiert.

| will-future | You will help him. | He will be helped by you. |
| going-to-future Modalverb | You are going to help him. | He is going to be helped by you. |
| simple present | You help him. | He is helped by you. |
| simple past | You helped him. | He was helped by you. |
| present perfect | You have helped him. | He has been helped by you. |
| past perfect | You had helped him. | He had been helped by you. |
| present progressive | You are helping him. | He is being helped by you. |
| past progressive | You were helping him. | He was being helped by you. |

**PERSONAL PASSIVE.** Im Gegensatz zum Deutschen kann man im Englischen auch das indirekte Objekt eines Satzes zum Subjekt des Passivsatzes machen. Man spricht in diesem Fall vom „persönlichen Passiv“. Vergleiche:

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**EXERCISE 1** Rewrite the sentences using the passive. Use the personal passive if possible.

a) You can’t take animals into the museum.
b) John gave Lisa a necklace for her birthday.
c) We are going to find the answer.
d) The teacher calls him an idiot.
e) The teacher was showing us a picture.
f) The police are chasing the thief.
g) People in Mexico have spoken Spanish for ages.
h) They are building a new mall.
i) He might buy a new phone.
j) Jim is helping the kids.
k) The company has offered him a job.
l) My family has bought a new house.
m) I found a box.
n) She gives him a present.
o) I had read all his books.
p) They watched the film.
q) We can clean the kitchen.
r) Sally and Jenny have ordered a pizza.
s) The government has spent a lot of money on building new schools.
t) We sent our grandpa a letter.
u) You have finished your homework.
v) The girls will make a cake.
w) His family built a house.
x) The women killed their husbands.
y) You tidy up your room.
z) I had forgotten the game at home.

EXERCISE 2 Fill in the right tense in the passive and underline the signal words.
a) Look! The neighbor’s house ____________________________ (paint)!
b) The building ____________________________ (finish) in 1999.
c) We were a bit late for the reading. We arrived just in time to see how the author ____________________________ (introduce) by the host.
d) This castle is a popular tourist attraction. Visitors ____________________________ (show) around here every day.
e) Before they opened the mall, clothes ____________________________ (buy) at little shops.
f) The bathrooms at our school ____________________________ (clean) in the afternoon.
g) Look, the cat ____________________________ (chase) up the tree by the dog.
h) We couldn’t visit the museum because it ____________________________ (renovate) when we got there.
i) After all the food ____________________________ (eat), the guests went home.
j) I think the old cinema ____________________________ (close) soon.
k) This castle ____________________________ (build) in the 14th century.
l) JK Rowling’s last book was very successful. A sequel ____________________________ (write) at the moment. It ____________________________ (publish) in October.

EXERCISE 3 Translate the sentences into English. Be careful to use the right tense.
a) Der Mann ist noch nie beobachtet worden.
b) Der Dieb wird gerade von der Polizei verhaftet.
c) Der Text wurde gestern von den Schülern abgeschrieben.
d) Bist du schon einmal von einem Hund gebissen worden?
e) Unsere Tante wird von uns besucht werden.
f) Der Text war vom Lehrer korrigiert worden.
g) Das Buch wurde von Arthur Conan Doyle geschrieben.
h) Dieses Haus wurde im 2. Weltkrieg von einer Bombe zerstört.
i) An Ostern werden Eier im Garten versteckt.
EXERCISE 1 Fill in the correct form (active or passive). Be careful to use the right tense!
Our holiday last year ______________________ (be) great. We ______________________ (go) to London, where we ______________________ (have) a great time. We ______________________ (stay) in a cheap youth hostel. It ______________________ (be) nice and clean and we ______________________ (meet) many interesting people there, but unfortunately breakfast ______________________ (serve) at 7 a.m.—a little too early for my taste! Nevertheless, that way we ______________________ (have) more time to go sight-seeing. Every year London ______________________ (visit) by many tourists because of its ancient history. The town ______________________ (found) by the Romans, and there are lots of historical buildings. The most famous building is probably the Tower of London, which ______________________ (build) in 1066.

But I ______________________ (not want) to talk about the Tower here because the sight that ______________________ (impress) me most was “Shakespeare’s Globe”, a reproduction of the original theater where Shakespeare’s plays ______________________ (stage) for the first time. It ______________________ (own) by the actors of Shakespeare’s theatre group, “Lord Chamberlain’s Men”. The original theatre ______________________ (destroy) by fire in 1616 during a performance of Shakespeare’s play “Henry the Eighth”: There ______________________ (be) an accident with a theatrical cannon, and the whole theatre ______________________ (start) to burn. A year later, it ______________________ (rebuild); but in 1642, the Globe ______________________ (close) by the Puritans, who ______________________ (not like) amusements of any kind. For a long time, nobody ______________________ (know) exactly where the original theatre ______________________ (stand). But in 1989, a part of the foundation ______________________ (find) beneath a car park, and in 1997 the Globe opened again. If you ever ______________________ (go) to London, you should really see “Shakespeare’s Globe”!

EXERCISE 2 Answer the questions on the text.
a) What did the narrator like about the hotel? What didn’t he like?
b) Why is Shakespeare’s Globe a “reproduction”? c) Who were “Lord Chamberlain’s Men”? d) How many times was the Globe opened? e) Do we know today where the original Globe was situated?

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Lösungen

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a) Animals can’t be taken into the museum. b) Lisa was given a necklace by John. c) The answer is going to be found by us. d) He is called an idiot by the teacher. e) We were being shown a picture by the teacher. f) The thief is being chased by the police. g) Spanish has been spoken by people in Mexico for ages. h) A new mall is being built (by them). i) A new phone might be bought (by him). j) The kids are being helped by Jim. k) He has been offered a job by the company. l) A new house has been bought by my family. m) A box was found by me. n) He is given a present by her. o) All his books had been read by me. p) The film was watched by them. q) The kitchen can be cleaned by us. r) A pizza has been ordered by Sally and Jenny. s) A lot of money has been spent by the government on building new schools. t) Our grandpa was sent a letter by us. u) Your homework has been finished (by you). v) A cake will be made by the girls. w) A house was built by his family. x) The husbands were killed by the women. y) Your room is tidied up by you. z) The game had been forgotten at home by me.

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EXERCISE 3 a) The man has never been watched. b) The thief is being arrested by the police. c) The text was copied by the students yesterday. d) Have you ever been bitten by a dog? e) Our aunt will be visited / is going to be visited by us. f) The text had been corrected by the teacher. g) The book was written by Arthur Conan Doyle. h) This house was destroyed by a bomb in WWII. i) On Easter eggs are hidden in the garden.

The World’s A Stage

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b) It is a “reproduction” because the original theatre was destroyed in 1616. c) They were Shakespeare’s theatre group.
d) It was opened three times: For the first time, then after it had been rebuilt for the first time in 1617; and a third time in 1997.
e) Yes, we do – because parts of the foundation were discovered in 1989.