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.

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**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:

**unpersönlich: Direktes Objekt -> Subjekt**

- The teacher gave us **books**.
  - Der Lehrer gab uns **Bücher**.

- **Books** were given to us (by the teacher).
  - **Die Bücher** wurden uns (vom Lehrer) gegeben.

**persönlich: Indirektes Objekt -> Subjekt**

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- **We** were given books (by the teacher).
  - *Wir wurden (vom Lehrer) Bücher gegeben.*
EXERCISE 1 Rewrite the sentences using the passive. Use the personal passive if possible.

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

EXERCISE 2 Fill in the blanks with the verbs in brackets. Use the passive voice and the correct tense. Also, please 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 blanks with the correct forms of the verbs (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?
Lösungen

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

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) He has been offered a job by the company. k) He has been helped by Jim. l) He is being helped by Jim. 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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