

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 <i>be helped</i> by you.
going-to-future	You are going to help him.	He is going to <i>be helped</i> by you.
Modalverb	You can help him.	He can <i>be helped</i> by you.
simple present	You help him.	He is <i>helped</i> by you.
simple past	You helped him.	He was <i>helped</i> by you.
present perfect	You have helped him.	He has <i>been helped</i> by you.
past perfect	You had helped him.	He had <i>been helped</i> by you.
present progressive	You are helping him.	He is <i>being helped</i> by you.
past progressive	You were helping him.	He was <i>being helped</i> 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:

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

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

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| 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.

The World's A Stage

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.



I London Globe, Stehplätze und Galerien. (c) Gerd Thiele, CC-BY-SA 2.0

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.

- What did the narrator like about the hotel? What didn’t he like?
- Why is Shakespeare’s Globe a “reproduction”?
- Who were “Lord Chamberlain’s Men”?
- How many times was the Globe opened?
- 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) 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.

EXERCISE 2 a) *Look!* The neighbor's house **is being painted!** b) The building **was finished** in 1999. c) We were a bit late for the reading. We arrived just in time to see how the author **was being introduced** by the host. d) This castle is a popular tourist attraction. Visitors **are shown** around here *every day*. e) *Before they opened the mall*, clothes **were bought / had been bought** at little shops. f) The bathrooms at our school **are cleaned** in the afternoon.. g) *Look*, the cat **is being chased** up the tree by the dog. h) We couldn't visit the museum because it **was being renovated** when we got there. i) *After* all the food **had been eaten**, the guests went home. j) *I think* the old cinema **will be closed** soon. k) This castle **was built** in the 14th century. l) JK Rowling's last book was very successful. A sequel (Fortsetzung) **is being written** at the moment. It **is going to be published** in October.

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.

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But I **don't want** to talk about the Tower here because the sight that **impressed** me most was "Shakespeare's Globe", a reproduction of the original theater where Shakespeare's plays **were staged** for the first time. It **was owned** by the actors of Shakespeare's theatre group, "Lord Chamberlain's Men". The original theatre **was destroyed** by fire in 1616 during a performance of Shakespeare's play "Henry the Eighth": There **was** an accident with a theatrical cannon, and the whole theatre **started** to burn. A year later, it **was rebuilt**; but in 1642, the Globe **was closed** by the Puritans, who **didn't like** amusements of any kind. For a long time, nobody **knew** exactly where the original theatre **had stood**. But in 1989, a part of the foundation **was found** 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 a) He liked that it was nice and clean and that there were interesting people; he didn't like that the breakfast was at 7am.
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.