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# Present and past simple passive.

Objectives: students will learn to use the  
present and past simple passive.

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# 1. Present simple.

## Example:

They vaccinate most children  
against diseases.

- This is in the present (active voice).
- We use the active voice to focus on the 'doer'.



# 1. Present passive

**Change the following  
example into passive:**

They vaccinate most children  
against diseases.



# 1. Present passive

**Change the following  
example into passive:**

They vaccinate most children  
against diseases.



**Most children are vaccinated  
against diseases.**

# How to change the present simple into present passive?

**Be (is/am/are) + past participle**



## NOTE

Why do we change it into passive?

- The focus is on the action, not the 'doer'.



# 1. Past simple.

## Example:

They discovered most a link  
between contaminated water  
and cholera.

- This is in the past (active voice).
- We use the active voice to focus on the 'doer'.



# 1. Past passive

**Change the following example  
into passive:**

They discovered a link between  
contaminated water and  
cholera.

***A link was discovered between  
contaminated water and  
cholera.***

# How to change the past simple into past passive?

**Be (was/were) + past participle**



## NOTE

Why do we change it into passive?

- The focus is on the action, not the 'doer'.





# practice

Change into passive:

- **They used a scientific method for this experiment.**
- **They study the environment to come up with theories.**
- **The police arrested him on his way home.**



# Answers

Change into passive:

- **They used a scientific method for this experiment.**  
**A scientific method was used for this experiment.**
- **They study the environment to come up with theories.**
- **The police arrested him on his way home.**



# Answers

Change into passive:

→ **They used a scientific method for this experiment.**

**A scientific method was used for this experiment.**

→ **They study the environment to come up with theories.**

**The environment is studied to come up with theories.**

→ **The police arrested him on his way home.**



# Answers

Change into passive:

→ **They used a scientific method for this experiment.**

**A scientific method was used for this experiment.**

→ **They study the environment to come up with theories.**

**The environment is studied to come up with theories.**

→ **The police arrested him on his way home.**

**He was arrested on his way home.**