The passive Part 2

As you have probably guessed from the heading of this document, this is Part 2, it should be opened AFTER you have studied the PPT presentation on the Passive voice present.

So please, open the presentation first, go through it, do the tasks there first and check the answers **afterwards**.

Now the basic principle of the passive voice in English should be clear to you. As you could see in the presentation, passive is **widely** used in English. On tags, products (Made in...), when we describe different stages of a process (units *are dried*, then they *are sent* to the assembly line, after packaging, they *are shipped* to shops..)

It’s always a **different form** of the verb

**be + the past participle (-ed/III.stĺpec)**

We can use all tenses in English in active voice or passive voice.

The difference is:

*In active voice* **the subject** of the sentence is more important. (subject = podmet)

*In passive voice* **the object** of the sentence is more important. (object = predmet)

Look at the following pairs of sentences which **mean the same thing**, only the focus is on different things/people.

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|  | **Active** | **Passive** |
| **Present Simple** | They speak French in Switzerland. | French **is** spoken in Switzerland. |
| **Past Simple** | Someone stole his car yesterday. | His car **was** stolen yesterday. |
| **Present Continuous** | They are singing cheerful songs now. | Cheerful songs **are being** sung now. |
| **Present Perfect** | We have cancelled your order. | Your order **has been** cancelled. |
| **Future (will)** | They will send invitations soon. | Invitations **will be** sent soon. |

**The passive sentences seem better, more logical, because the object in the active sentence is more important than the subject. In passive sentences, the object becomes the subject.**

**Look at the following examples. As you can see, the participle never changes, it’s the same in all tenses and with all persons Sg. or Pl.**

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| **Tense** | **Subject** | **Verb *to be*** | **Past participle** | **Adverbs/signal words** |
| ***Present Simple*** | A package | **is** | **delivered** | **every day, once a month, on workdays, weekly** |
|  | Packages | **are** | **by DHL, UPS...** |
| ***Present Continuous*** | A package | **is being** | **at the moment, currently, right now, now** |
|  | Packages | **are being** |  |
| ***Present Perfect*** | Your package | **has been** | **recently, already, just..** |
|  | Two packages | **have been** |  |
| ***Past Simple*** | The package | **was** | **yesterday, 4 days ago, last week, last month...** |
|  | The packages | **were** |  |
| ***Future Simple*** | Your package Your packages | **will be** | **soon, in two days, tomorrow, next week** |

**Translate the sentences in the following table, use the passive in the correct tense and form:**

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|  | **Subject - podmet** | **Verb to be - sloveso byť** | **Past participle - minulé príčastie** |  |
| *Náš dom bol postavený pred 100 rokmi.* |  |  |  | 100 years ago. |
| *Môj dom sa práve stavia.* |  |  |  |
| *Každý deň sa postavia 3 nové domy.* |  |  |  |
| *Náš dom bude postavený budúci rok.* |  |  |  |
| *Tento dom zatiaľ nebol vymaľovaný. (decorate - maľovať)* |  |  |  | yet. |

**Key:**

Our house was built 100 years ago

Our house is being built at the moment

3 new houses are built every day.

Our house will be built next year.

This house hasn’t been decorated yet. (The walls haven’t been painted yet)

**Futher practice for next week:**

Student’s book p. 95 and 97

Workbook p. 91 and 93

See also p. 112 Workbook (SK explanation)

P. 122-123 Student’s book (Grammar reference +practice)

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