



# Learn English Through Stories

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## Examples: Active and passive sentences

**A ⇒ Active and P ⇒ Passive**

A: Banta collects the rubbish.

P: The rubbish is collected by Banta.

A: Banta is collecting the rubbish.

P: The rubbish is being collected by Banta.

A: Banta has collected the rubbish.

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A: Banta will collect the rubbish.

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A: Banta has to collect the rubbish.

P: The rubbish has to be collected by Banta.

A: Banta has been collecting rubbish for two years.

P: No passive.

A: Banta sleeps well.

P: No passive.

A: People speak English all over the world.

P: English is spoken all over the world.

## Tests

1. Complete the sentences. Use these verbs in the correct form, present or past:

cause	damage	find	hold	injure	invite	make
	overtake	own	send	show	surround	

1. Many accidents ..... by careless driving.
2. Cheese ..... from milk.
3. The roof of the building .....in a storm a few days ago.
4. A cinema is a place where films .....
5. You .....to the party. Why didn't you go?
6. This plant is very rare. It .....in very few places.
7. Although we were driving fast, we .....by a lot of other cars.
8. In the US, elections for president .....every four years.
9. There was an accident last night, but fortunately nobody .....
10. You can't see the house from the road. It .....by trees.
11. I never received the letter. It .....to the wrong address.
12. The company I work for .....by a much larger company.

**2. Put the verb into the correct form, present or past, active or passive.**

1. a: Two hundred people ..... (employ) by the company.  
B: The company .....(employ) 200 people.
2. a: Water ..... (cover) most of the earth's surface.  
b: How much of the earth's surface .....(cover) by water?
3. a: While I was on holiday, my camera ..... (steal) from my hotel room.  
b: While I was on holiday, my camera .....(disappear) from my hotel room.
4. a: Robert's parents ..... (die) when he was very young.  
b: Robert and his sister ..... (bring up) by their grandparents.
5. a: The boat hit a rock and .....(sink) quickly.  
b: Fortunately everybody ..... (rescue).
6. a: Bill ..... (fire) from his job. He wasn't very good at it.  
b: Sue .....(resign) from her job because she didn't enjoy it any more.
7. a: It can be noisy living here, but it .....(not / bother) me.  
b: It can be noisy living here, but I ..... (not / bother) by it.
8. a: Maria had an accident. She..... (knock) off her bike.  
b: Maria had an accident. She .....(fall) off her bike.
9. a: I haven't seen these flowers before. What .....(they / call)?  
b: I haven't seen these flowers before. What .....(you / call) them?

**3. Complete these sentences. Use the following verbs in the passive:**

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**4. Make sentences from the words in brackets. Sometimes the verb is active, sometimes passive.**

1. There's somebody behind us. (We / follow) .....
2. This door is a different colour, isn't it? (you / paint?) .....?
3. My bike has disappeared. (It / steal!) It.....
4. My umbrella has disappeared. (Somebody / take) Somebody.....
5. A neighbour of mine disappeared six months ago. (He / not / see / since then) He.....
6. I wonder how Jessica is these days. (I / not / see / for ages) I.....
7. A friend of mine was stung by a bee recently. (you / ever / sting / bee?) .....you.....
8. The bridge was damaged recently. (It / repair / at the moment) It.....
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**5. Instead of using somebody, they, people etc., write a passive sentence.**

1. Somebody cleans the room every day.
2. They cancelled all flights because of fog.
3. Somebody accused me of stealing money.
4. How do you use this word?
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