

Grade 7 English FAL:

Active and passive voice

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Verbs have both active and passive forms:

active	passive
<i>The hunter killed the lion.</i>	> <i>The lion was killed by the hunter.</i>
<i>Someone has cleaned the windows.</i>	> <i>The windows have been cleaned.</i>

Passive forms are made up of the verb *be* with a past participle:

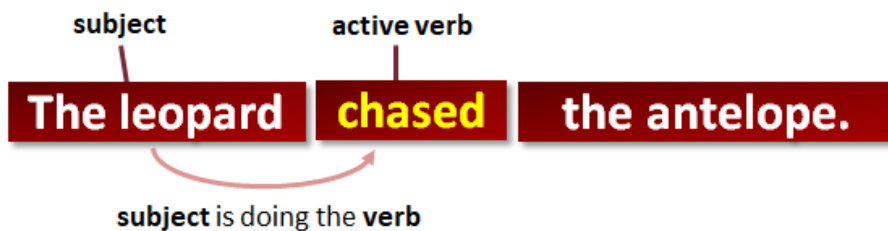
	<i>be</i>	past participle	
<i>English</i>	<i>is</i>	<i>spoken</i>	<i>all over the world.</i>
<i>The windows</i>	<i>have been</i>	<i>cleaned.</i>	
<i>Lunch</i>	<i>was being</i>	<i>served.</i>	
<i>The work</i>	<i>will be</i>	<i>finished</i>	<i>soon.</i>
<i>They</i>	<i>might have been</i>	<i>invited</i>	<i>to the party.</i>

If we want to show the person or thing doing the action, we use **by**.

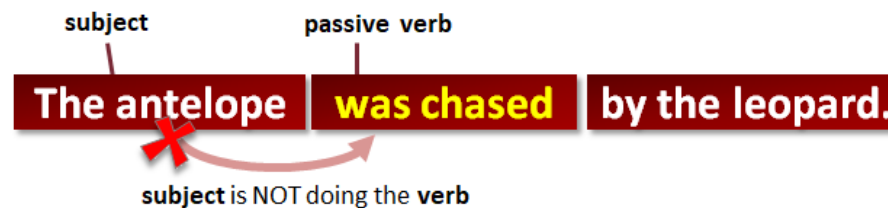
*She was attacked **by** a dangerous dog.*

*The money was stolen **by** her husband.*

Active Voice (Example)



Passive Voice (Example)



With the passive voice, the action of the verb is done to the subject.