



### Who needs passive at all?

Passive ist used, when

- it is either unimportant or unknown who is doing the action
- the actor is shown in the context
- the action belongs to processes that happen systematically or usually
- the speaker/writer wants to create a distance

To build a **passive sentence in simple present**, you have to exchange the order of **subject** and **object**, so that the former **object** becomes the **subject** and vice versa.

You also need to build the passive form of the verb by building the **participle**.

#### Example:

Active: **Jim** sends **the letter**.

Passive: **The letter** **is sent** (by Jim).



**Remember: The object in the passive sentence is not always known or needed.**

To build **passive in simple past**, you proceed in the same way and adapt the verb to the tense needed.

#### Example:

Active: **Jim** sent **the letter**.

Passive: **The letter** **was sent** (by Jim).

Here is a table that shows the example at a glance:

|                | Active                | Passive                       |
|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Simple Present | Jim sends the letter. | The letter is sent (by Jim).  |
| Simple Past    | Jim sent the letter.  | The letter was sent (by Jim). |



**Task:** Write a report of the match between Mexico and Germany at the football world championship 2018 by transforming the sentences with the marked words into passive.

1.: Right in the beginning, **Lozano from Mexico** played **the ball** and had a good chance to score.

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2.: **Germany's Boateng**, however, prevented **his team** from this very early goal for the Mexicans.

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3.: Soon after, **German Draxler** almost placed **the ball** into the goal.

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4.: **Ochoa, the Mexican keeper**, could avoid **this**.



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5.: About twenty minutes later Lozano scored. **The German keeper Neuer** couldn't prevent **this**.

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6.: **The performance of the German team** really disappointed the **German fans**.

7.: **The Mexican fans**, however, celebrated their **team**.

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Attention: This sentence is a bit tricky ;-)



**Good luck and have fun!!**

