

## Das Passiv in allen Zeiten

**BILDUNG.** Das Passiv wird immer mit einer **Form von to be und dem past participle** (-ed-Form bzw. dritte Spalte) gebildet. Diese Bestandteile sind unten kursiv markiert.

will-future	You <b>will help</b> him.	He <b>will <i>be helped</i></b> by you.
going-to-future	You <b>are going to help</b> him.	He <b>is going to <i>be helped</i></b> by you.
Modalverb	You <b>can help</b> him.	He <b>can <i>be helped</i></b> by you.
simple present	You <b>help</b> him.	He <b>is <i>helped</i></b> by you.
simple past	You <b>helped</b> him.	He <b>was <i>helped</i></b> by you.
present perfect	You <b>have helped</b> him.	He <b>has <i>been helped</i></b> by you.
past perfect	You <b>had helped</b> him.	He <b>had <i>been helped</i></b> by you.
present progressive	You <b>are helping</b> him.	He <b>is <i>being helped</i></b> by you.
past progressive	You <b>were helping</b> him.	He <b>was <i>being helped</i></b> by you.

**PERSONAL PASSIVE.** Im Gegensatz zum Deutschen kann man im Englischen auch das indirekte Objekt eines Satzes zum Subjekt des Passivsatzes machen. Man spricht in diesem Fall vom „persönlichen Passiv“. Vergleiche:

<b>unpersönlich: Direktes Objekt -&gt; Subjekt</b>	
The teacher gave us <b>books</b> .	Der Lehrer gab uns <b>Bücher</b> .
Books were given to us (by the teacher).	<b>Die Bücher</b> wurden uns (vom Lehrer) gegeben.
<b>persönlich: Indirektes Objekt -&gt; Subjekt</b>	
The teacher gave <b>us</b> books.	Der Lehrer gab uns Bücher.
<b>We</b> were given books (by the teacher).	* <del>Wir wurden (vom Lehrer) Bücher gegeben</del>

**EXERCISE 1** Rewrite the sentences using the passive. Use the personal passive if possible.

- a) You can't take animals into the museum.
- b) John gave Lisa a necklace for her birthday.
- c) We are going to find the answer.
- d) The teacher calls him an idiot.
- e) The teacher was showing us a picture.
- f) The police are chasing the thief.
- g) People in Mexico have spoken Spanish for ages.
- h) They are building a new mall.
- i) He might buy a new phone.
- j) Jim is helping the kids.
- k) The company has offered him a job.
- l) My family has bought a new house.
- m) I found a box.
- n) She gives him a present.
- o) I had read all his books.
- p) They watched the film.
- q) We can clean the kitchen.

- r) Sally and Jenny have ordered a pizza.
- s) The government has spent a lot of money on building new schools.
- t) We sent our grandpa a letter.
- u) You have finished your homework.
- v) The girls will make a cake.
- w) His family built a house.
- x) The women killed their husbands.
- y) You tidy up your room.
- z) I had forgotten the game at home.

**EXERCISE 2** Fill in the right tense in the passive and underline the signal words.

- a) Look! The neighbor's house \_\_\_\_\_ (paint)!
- b) The building \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) in 1999.
- c) We were a bit late for the reading. We arrived just in time to see how the author \_\_\_\_\_ (introduce) by the host.
- d) This castle is a popular tourist attraction. Visitors \_\_\_\_\_ (show) around here every day.
- e) Before they opened the mall, clothes \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) at little shops.
- f) The bathrooms at our school \_\_\_\_\_ (clean) in the afternoon.
- g) Look, the cat \_\_\_\_\_ (chase) up the tree by the dog.
- h) We couldn't visit the museum because it \_\_\_\_\_ (renovate) when we got there.
- i) After all the food \_\_\_\_\_ (eat), the guests went home.
- j) I think the old cinema \_\_\_\_\_ (close) soon.
- k) This castle \_\_\_\_\_ (build) in the 14<sup>th</sup> century.
- l) JK Rowling's last book was very successful. A sequel \_\_\_\_\_ (write) at the moment. It \_\_\_\_\_ (publish) in October.

**EXERCISE 3** Translate the sentences into English. Be careful to use the right tense.

- a) Der Mann ist noch nie beobachtet worden.
- b) Der Dieb wird gerade von der Polizei verhaftet.
- c) Der Text wurde gestern von den Schülern abgeschrieben.
- d) Bist du schon einmal von einem Hund gebissen worden?
- e) Unsere Tante wird von uns besucht werden.
- f) Der Text war vom Lehrer korrigiert worden.
- g) Das Buch wurde von Arthur Conan Doyle geschrieben.
- h) Dieses Haus wurde im 2. Weltkrieg von einer Bombe zerstört.
- i) An Ostern werden Eier im Garten versteckt.

## The World's A Stage

**EXERCISE 1** Fill in the correct form (active or passive). Be careful to use the right tense!

Our holiday last year \_\_\_\_\_ (be) great. We \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to London, where we \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a great time. We \_\_\_\_\_ (stay) in a cheap youth hostel. It \_\_\_\_\_ (be) nice and clean and we \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) many interesting people there, but unfortunately breakfast \_\_\_\_\_ (serve) at 7 a.m.—a little too early for my taste! Nevertheless, that way we \_\_\_\_\_ (have) more time to go sight-seeing. Every year London \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) by many tourists because of its ancient history. The town \_\_\_\_\_ (found) by the Romans, and there are lots of historical buildings. The most famous building is probably the Tower of London, which \_\_\_\_\_ (build) in 1066.



But I \_\_\_\_\_ (not want) to talk about the Tower here because the sight that \_\_\_\_\_ (impress) me most was “Shakespeare’s Globe”, a reproduction of the original theater where Shakespeare’s plays \_\_\_\_\_ (stage) for the first time. It \_\_\_\_\_ (own) by the actors of Shakespeare’s theatre group, “Lord Chamberlain’s Men”. The original theatre \_\_\_\_\_ (destroy) by fire in 1616 during a performance of Shakespeare’s play “Henry the Eighth”: There \_\_\_\_\_ (be) an accident with a theatrical cannon, and the whole theatre \_\_\_\_\_ (start) to burn. A year later, it \_\_\_\_\_ (rebuild); but in 1642, the Globe \_\_\_\_\_ (close) by the Puritans, who \_\_\_\_\_ (not like) amusements of any kind. For a long time, nobody \_\_\_\_\_ (know) exactly where the original theatre \_\_\_\_\_ (stand). But in 1989, a part of the foundation \_\_\_\_\_ (find) beneath a car park, and in 1997 the Globe opened again. If you ever \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to London, you should really see “Shakespeare’s Globe”!

**EXERCISE 2** Answer the questions on the text.

- What did the narrator like about the hotel? What didn't he like?
- Why is Shakespeare's Globe a “reproduction”?
- Who were “Lord Chamberlain's Men”?
- How many times was the Globe opened?
- Do we know today where the original *Globe* was situated?

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## Lösungen

**EXERCISE 1** Rewrite the sentences using the passive. Use the personal passive if possible.

a) Animals can't be taken into the museum. b) Lisa was given a necklace by John. c) The answer is going to be found by us. d) He is called an idiot by the teacher. e) We were being shown a picture by the teacher. f) The thief is being chased by the police. g) Spanish has been spoken by people in Mexico for ages. h) A new mall is being built (by them). i) A new phone might be bought (by him). j) The kids are being helped by Jim. k) He has been offered a job by the company. l) A new house has been bought by my family. m) A box was found by me. n) He is given a present by her. o) All his books had been read by me. p) The film was watched by them. q) The kitchen can be cleaned by us. r) A pizza has been ordered by Sally and Jenny. s) A lot of money has been spent by the government on building new schools. t) Our grandpa was sent a letter by us. u) Your homework has been finished (by you). v) A cake will be made by the girls. w) A house was built by his family. x) The husbands were killed by the women. y) Your room is tidied up by you. z) The game had been forgotten at home by me.

**EXERCISE 2** a) *Look!* The neighbor's house **is being painted!** b) The building **was finished in 1999.** c) We were a bit late for the reading. We arrived just in time to see how the author **was being introduced** by the host. d) This castle is a popular tourist attraction. Visitors **are shown** around here *every day.* e) *Before they opened the mall,* clothes **were bought / had been bought** at little shops. f) The bathrooms at our school **are cleaned in the afternoon.** g) *Look,* the cat **is being chased** up the tree by the dog. h) We couldn't visit the museum because it **was being renovated** when we got there. i) *After* all the food **had been eaten,** the guests went home. j) *I think* the old cinema **will be closed** soon. k) This castle **was built in the 14<sup>th</sup> century.** l) JK Rowling's last book was very successful. A sequel (Fortsetzung) **is being written at the moment.** It **is going to be published** in October.

**EXERCISE 3** a) The man has never been watched. b) The thief is being arrested by the police. c) The text was copied by the students yesterday. d) Have you ever been bitten by a dog? e) Our aunt will be visited / is going to be visited by us. f) The text had been corrected by the teacher. g) The book was written by Arthur Conan Doyle. h) This house was destroyed by a bomb in WWII. i) On Easter eggs are hidden in the garden.

### The World's A Stage

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But I **don't want** to talk about the Tower here because the sight that **impressed** me most was "Shakespeare's Globe", a reproduction of the original theater where Shakespeare's plays **were staged** for the first time. It **was owned** by the actors of Shakespeare's theatre group, "Lord Chamberlain's Men". The original theatre **was destroyed** by fire in 1616 during a performance of Shakespeare's play "Henry the Eighth": There **was** an accident with a theatrical cannon, and the whole theatre **started** to burn. A year later, it **was rebuilt**; but in 1642, the Globe **was closed** by the Puritans, who **didn't like** amusements of any kind. For a long time, nobody **knew** exactly where the original theatre **had stood**. But in 1989, a part of the foundation **was found** beneath a car park, and in 1997 the Globe opened again. If you ever **go** to London, you should really see "Shakespeare's Globe"!

**EXERCISE 2** a) He liked that it was nice and clean and that there were interesting people; he didn't like that the breakfast was at 7am.

b) It is a "reproduction" because the original theatre was destroyed in 1616.

c) They were Shakespeare's theatre group.

d) It was opened three times: For the first time, then after it had been rebuilt for the first time in 1617; and a third time in 1997.

e) Yes, we do – because parts of the foundation were discovered in 1989.