

The passive

FORM

- verb *be* + the past participle
- The object of the active sentence becomes the subject of the passive sentence
- The verb tense remains the same
- Use *by* to say who or what was responsible for the action
- We do not use *by* + noun when it is obvious who performed the action

USE

- To describe actions and processes when we are not interested in or don't know who is responsible for the action or process

Verbs with two objects

Active - *They gave the comedian a prize.*

Passive - *A prize was given to the comedian.*

The comedian was given a prize.