

# SPEAK LANGUAGES & TRAVEL THE WORLD

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## Passive Voice

### 1. **Present Simple** Passive:

People **chop** down a lot of trees every year.

A lot of trees **are chopped** every year.

### 2. **Past Simple** Passive

The ancient Greeks **built** the Acropolis.

The Acropolis **was built** by the ancient Greeks.

### 3. **Present Continuous** Passive

An expert **is restoring** the antique car.

The antique car **is being restored** by an expert.

### 4. **Past Continuous** Passive

Hijackers **were holding** the plane passengers hostage.

The plane passengers **were being held** hostage by hijackers.

### 5. **Present Perfect** Simple Passive

The government **has increased** the tax on cigarettes.

The tax on cigarettes **has been increased** by the government.

### 6. **Past Perfect** Simple Passive

People **had seen** the little boy playing in the park.

The little boy **had been seen** playing in the park.

### 7. **Future** Simple Passive

A number of reporters **will meet** the professor at the airport.

The professor **will be met** at the airport by a number of reporters.

### 8. **Passive of modal verbs** (can/could/may/might/should/must/ought to)

Bad weather **may delay** your flight.

Your flight **may be delayed** by bad weather.