

# **The Passive**

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

Beispiel: I drive the car.  
The car is driven by me.

Bildung : Present form of "to be" (= am/is/are) + 3. Form des Verbs.

## **2.) Passive Present Continuous:**

Beispiel: They are repairing the car.  
The car is being repaired by them.

Bildung : Present form of "to be" (=am/is/are) + being + 3. Form des Verbs.

## **3.) Passive Simple Past:**

Beispiel: Columbus discovered America.  
America was discovered by Columbus.

Bildung : Past form of "to be" (= was/were) + 3. Form des Verbs.

## **4.) Passive Past continuous:**

Beispiel: Yesterday evening I was painting these walls.  
Yesterday evening these walls were being painted by me.

Bildung : Past form of "to be" (= was/were) + being + 3. Form des Verbs.

## **5.) Passive Present Perfect:**

Beispiel: They have developed a new car.  
A new car has been developed.

Bildung : have been / has been + 3. Form des Verbs. (Vorsicht: Das Subjekt wechselt!!!)

## **6.) Passive VI:**

Beispiel: They had developed a new car.  
A new car had been developed.

Bildung : had been + 3. Form des Verbs.

## **7.) Passive construction with auxiliary verb:**

Beispiel: I will/can/must/... call him.  
He will/can/must/... be called.

Bildung : Hilfsverb + be + 3. Form des Verbs.