



THE PASSIVE

It is very often used in English, especially when the doer is not important or unknown. When we want to know the doer we use "by".



Who made the tea?

DAS PASSIV

Mit dem Passiv wird eine Handlung oder ein Zustand betont. Der Verursacher ist meist nicht wichtig. Wenn wir ihn kennen wollen, verwenden wir „von“.



It was made by Lukas.

THE MOST IMPORTANT TENSES IN THE PASSIVE

Present tense

The tea is made by the boy.

Past tense

The tea was made by the boy.

Present perfect tense

The tea has been made by the boy.

Future tense

The tea will be made by the boy.

VERBS WITH PREPOSITIONS, SUCH AS "LOOK AFTER, WAIT FOR, GIVE UP,..." MUST STAY TOGETHER!

Active

A nurse looked after the baby.
The crew gave up the ship.

Passive

The baby was looked after by a nurse.
The ship was given up by the crew.



THE TEA STORY

ACTIVE

People in many countries grow tea.

The same but in

PASSIVE would be:

Tea is grown in many countries.



ACTIVE

But the first people who started to grow and drink tea were the Chinese.

PASSIVE

Tea was first grown and drunk by the Chinese.

ACTIVE

Now India grows a lot of tea in large tea gardens close to the Himalayan mountains.

PASSIVE

Now a lot of tea is grown in large tea gardens in India, close to the Himalayan mountains.

ACTIVE

The British brought the tea to Europe.

PASSIVE

The tea was brought to Europe by the British.

ACTIVE

They still drink a lot of tea, together with some milk.

PASSIVE

A lot of tea with milk is still drunk by the British.

ACTIVE

The Japanese mostly drink green tea.

PASSIVE

Green tea is mostly drunk by the Japanese.



NOW YOU TRY!



THE BREAD STORY

ACTIVE

People in many countries eat bread.

PASSIVE

ACTIVE

They make bread from flour, water and salt.

PASSIVE

ACTIVE

In Europe people use yeast (Hefe) for bread.

PASSIVE

ACTIVE

In Asia people often make bread without yeast.

PASSIVE



THE CANTERVILLE GHOST by Oscar Wilde

The Story can be told in two ways!
Let's start with the present tense.

ACTIVE

The American Hiram B. Otis	buys	Canterville Chase.
The housekeeper, Ms Umney,	tells	the family about a ghost in the castle.
The three Otis sons	play	some tricks on the ghost.
But the girl Virginia Otis	likes	the ghost.
Mr Otis	asks	the ghost if he needs medicine for his headache.
For a while no one	sees	the ghost.
But one day Virginia	sees	him in the library.
The ghost	tells	Virginia that he wants to go to the Garden of Sleep.
Virginia	shows	the ghost the way to the garden and then he is at peace.

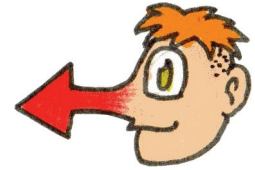
PASSIVE

Canterville Chase	is bought	by the American Hiram B. Otis.
The family	is told	about a ghost by the housekeeper, Ms Umney.
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But the ghost	is liked	by Virginia Otis.
The ghost	is asked	by Mr Otis if he needs medicine.
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And that's what it looks like in the past.



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