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### GRAMMAR

#### **Passive**

We use the passive voice:

• to talk about an action when the agent (the person or thing that does the action) is unknown or unimportant.

The captain **was shown** the red card in the second minute of the game.

• to emphasize what happened rather than who did it.

The first World Cup was held in Uruguay in 1930.

If we want to name the agent, we use by. We name the agent when it is important or unusual, or because we want to make this information more noticeable.

The gold medal was won by Michael Johnson.

	active	passive
present simple	They <b>play</b> tennis indoors.	Tennis <b>is played</b> indoors.
present continuous	They <b>are holding</b> the next games in Russia.	The next games are being held in Russia.
past simple	They <b>changed</b> the rules.	The rules were changed.
past continuous	Officials were showing them around the city.	They were being shown around the city.
present perfect	They've done it.	It's been done.
future 1 (future plans)	They're going to cancel the games.	The games are going to be cancelled.
future 2 (will)	We' <b>ll finish</b> it soon.	It' <b>ll be finished</b> soon.
modal verbs	You <b>must write</b> it down.	It <b>must be written</b> down.
infinitive	I want you <b>to</b> help me.	I want <b>to be</b> <b>helped</b> .

### Verbs with two objects

Some verbs can have two objects: an indirect object and a direct object.

She sent	indirect object her father	direct object a letter.
She made	indirect object	direct object a special cake.

With these verbs, we can also put the direct object immediately after the verb. When we do this, we need to use *to* or *for* before the indirect object.

She sent a letter **to** her father. She made a special cake **for** me.

Other verbs that can have two objects (and are used with to) include: bring, give, offer, pay, promise, read, send, show, teach, tell, write.

Other verbs that can have two objects (and are used with for) include: buy, find, get, keep, make, write.

When we use these verbs in the passive voice, both the direct and indirect objects can become the subject of the sentence.

active: They gave him a lot of support.
passive 1: **He** was given a lot of support.
passive 2: **A lot of** support was given to him.

#### Causative

We use the causative to talk about an action that you ask someone else to do for you.

She **has her hair** cut every Friday.

(= She pays someone to cut her hair.)

We had champagne brought to our room.

(= We asked room service to bring champagne to our room.)

We do not usually need to say who does the action, because this is usually understood from the context. We use *by* if we want to say who does the action.

He has his suits made by the most expensive tailor in town.

subject	verb	object	past participle
He/She/ They, etc.	has/have is/are having had is/are going to have	the car/ the TV/ it	repaired/ mended/ fixed

## FUNCTIONAL LANGUAGE Questions tags (checking)

We can use tags after a sentence to check information that we think is true.

Wimbledon is in London, isn't it? You went there last year, didn't you?

We use a negative tag after a positive main verb, and we use a positive tag after a negative main verb.

You've already given some money, haven't you?
You didn't call me this morning, did you?

We use an auxiliary verb in the tag. The auxiliary verb corresponds to the main verb in the opening part of the sentence. We use *do/don't/does/doesn't* if the main verb is in the present simple. We use *did/didn't* if the main verb is in the past simple.

I can pay by credit card, can't I? She isn't waiting for us, is she? He works with you, doesn't he? They didn't know, did they?

The voice (intonation) falls on the tag to show that we are checking information.

## WORD LIST Sport

/æθ'letiks/ athletics n U \* /beisboil/ baseball n U \* /bi:t/ beat v \*\*\* /boksin/ boxing n U catch v \*\*\* /kæts/ /tʃæmpɪən/ champion n C \*\*\* championship n C \*\*\* /tfæmpiənfip/ /kaut[/ coach n C/v \*\* dive v \*\* /daiv/ /fi:ld/ field n C \*\*\* /fainəlist/ finalist n C /futbo:l/ football n U \* /dzim/ gym n C \* gymnast n C /d3Imnæst/ gymnastics n U /dzim'næstiks/ hang-gliding n U hit v \*\*\* jump ν \*\*\* kick v \*\*\* marathon n C \*medal n C \*\* paraglider n C paragliding n U pass v \*\*\* penalty n C \*\*\* polo n U player n C \*\*\* race n C/v \*\*\* racket n C \* rugby n U \* run v \*\*\* semi-final n C \* serve v \*\*\* skydiving n U snowboarding n U throw v \*\*\* water polo n U

/hænglaidin/ /hit/ /d3Amp/ /kik/ /mærəθən/ /medl/ /pærə,glaidə/ /pæraglaidin/ /pa:s/ /penəlti/ /paulau/ /pleiə/ /reis/ /rækit/ /ragbi/ /rʌn/ /semifainl/ /s3:v/ /skai,daivin/ /mb:cd,uena/ /0rau/ /wo:tə pəuləu/

## Nouns and adjectives

agile adj /æd3ail/ agility n U /əˈdʒɪləti/ ambitious adi \*\* /æm'bi[əs/ ambition n C \*\* /æm'bı[n/ determined adj \*\* /dr't3:mind/ determination n U \*\* /di,ts:mi'neisn/ enthusiastic adj \*\* /ın,0ju:zı'æstık/ enthusiasm n U \*\* /ın'θju:zı,æzəm/ intelligent adj \*\* /intelid3(a)nt/ intelligence n U \*\* /in'telid3(ə)ns/ power n U \*\*\* /pauə/ powerful adj \*\*\* /pauəfl/ ruthless adj /ru:0ləs/ ruthlessness n U /ru:0lasnas/ talent n C \*\* /tælənt/ talented adj \* /təlentid/

## Make & do

make | a cup of tea | a donation | a mess | a mistake | do | some work | the shopping | the accounts | someone a favour | some sport

### Other words & phrases

acceptance n U \*\* achievement n C \*\*\* anorexia n U award v/n C \*\*\* bet v/n C \*\* calendar n C \*\* cancel v casual adi \*\* charitable adj \* check out v childhood n C \*\* contribution n C \*\*\* courier n C cycle n C \*\* declare v \*\*\* design v \*\*\* devote v \*\* disability n C \*\* donation n C \*\* downhill adv dress up v dye v estimate v \*\*\* fed up adj \* fill in v foundation n C \*\*\* gang n C \*\* glory n U \*\* host v \*\* in the meantime increasingly adv \*\*\* iron v \* majesty n U \* massive adj \*\*\* native adj \*\* official adj \*\*\* outlook n C \* participate v \*\* patron n C \* phenomenon  $n C^{**}$ psychological adj \*\* psychologist n C \*\* relief n U \*\*\* royal adj \*\*\* sacrifice n C \* shave v \* strawberry n C \* successive adj \*\*

take part v

tiny adj \*\*\*

train v \*\*\*

unpaid adj

trainers n pl \*

/ək'septəns/ /ə't[i:vment/ /ænəˈreksɪə/ /b:cw'e/ /bet/ /kælındə/ /kænsl/ /kæzuəl/ /tfæritəbl/ /tfek 'aut/ /t[aildhod/ /kontribju:fn/ /kuriə/ /saikl/ /di'kleə/ /di'zain/ /dr'vaut/ /disə'biləti/ /dəv'neı[n/ /daun'hil/ /dres 'Ap/ /dai/ /estimeit/ /fed 'Ap/ /fil 'in/ /faun'deisn/ /gæn/ /glo:ri/ /haust/ /mi:n,taim/ /ınˈkri:sɪŋli/ /arən/ /mædʒəsti/ /mæsiv/ /neitiv/ /əˈfɪ[]/ /autluk/ /pa:'tisi,peit/ /peitran/ /fəˈnɒmɪnən/ /saikə'lpdzikl/ /sar'kpladzist/ /rr'li:f/ /roiel/ /sækri,fais/ /feiv/ /stro:bari/ /sək'sesiv/ /teik 'pait/ /taini/ /trein/ /treinəz/ /n'peid/