



# Active & Passive Voice



## Review

*Simple Present & Simple Past Tenses*

# Directions: Work with a partner.

- On each slide, some words and a verb tense are listed.
- First, make an active voice question and statement (answer) using the words. Put the verb in the tense listed. Check your question by clicking the mouse.
- Next, make a passive voice question and answer using the same words (change the word order & verb form; omit the old subject/agent if it's not needed). Check your answer by clicking the mouse.

# how / people / ketchup / create answer – from tomatoes

## simple present tense

- *Active Question:*

How do people create ketchup?

- *Active Answer:*

People create ketchup from tomatoes.

- *Passive Question:*

How is ketchup created (by people)?

- *Passive Answer:*

Ketchup is created (by people) from tomatoes.



how / chefs / mayonnaise / make  
answer – from oil and eggs

simple present tense

- *Active Question:*

How do chefs make mayonnaise?

- *Active Answer:*

Chefs make mayonnaise from oil and eggs.

- *Passive Question:*

How is mayonnaise made (by chefs)?

- *Passive Answer:*

Mayonnaise is made (by chefs) from oil and eggs.



where / farmers / grapes / grow  
answer - in California

simple present tense

- *Active Question:*

Where do farmers grow grapes?

- *Active Answer:*

Farmers grow grapes in California.

- *Passive Question:*

Where are grapes grown (by farmers)?

- *Passive Answer:*

Grapes are grown (by farmers) in California.



where / people / opals / find  
answer - in Tequila, Mexico  
simple present tense



- *Active Question:*

Where do people find opals?

- *Active Answer:*

People find opals in Tequila, Mexico.

- *Passive Question:*

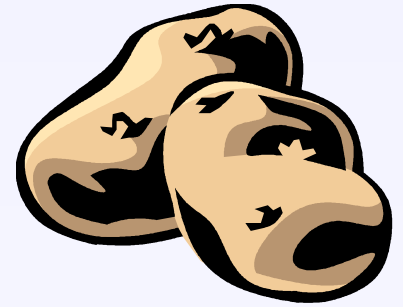
Where are opals found (by people)?

- *Passive Answer:*

Opals are found (by people) in Tequila, Mexico.

where / farmers / potatoes / plant  
answer - in Poland

simple present tense



- *Active Question:*

Where do farmers plant potatoes?

- *Active Answer:*

Farmers plant potatoes in Poland.

- *Passive Question:*

Where are potatoes planted (by farmers)?

- *Passive Answer:*

Potatoes are planted (by farmers) in Poland.



where / people / pho / eat  
answer - in Vietnam

simple present tense

- *Active Question:*

Where **do** people **eat** pho?

- *Active Answer:*

People **eat** pho in Vietnam.

- *Passive Question:*

Where is pho **eaten** (by people)?

- *Passive Answer:*

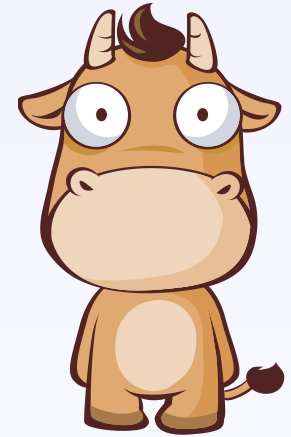
Pho **is eaten** (by people) in Vietnam.





why / farmers / cows / raise  
answer – for food and clothing

simple present tense



- *Active Question:*

Why do farmers raise cows?

- *Active Answer:*

Farmers raise cows for food and clothing.

- *Passive Question:*

Why are cows raised (by farmers)?

- *Passive Answer:*

Cows are raised (by farmers) for food and clothing.

# why / people / aspirin / take answer – for headaches

## simple present tense

- *Active Question:*

Why do people take aspirin ?

- *Active Answer:*

People take aspirin for headaches.

- *Passive Question:*

Why is aspirin taken (by people)?

- *Passive Answer:*

Aspirin is taken (by people) for headaches.



when / Americans / heart-shaped candy / give  
answer – on Valentine's Day

simple present tense



- *Active Question:*

When do Americans give heart-shaped candy?

- *Active Answer:*

Americans give heart-shaped candy on Valentine's Day.

- *Passive Question:*

When is heart-shaped candy given (by Americans)?

- *Passive Answer:*

Heart-shaped candy is given (by Americans) on Valentine's Day.



Now, practice with the past tense!

- **Remember:**

- The auxiliary verb for the **active voice** changes from do/does to did.
- The auxiliary verb for the **passive voice** changes from is/are to was/were.

When / they / world's largest diamond / discover  
answer - in 1905

simple past tense



- Active Question:

When did they discover the world's largest diamond?

- Active Answer:

They discovered the world's largest diamond in 1905.

- Passive Question:

When was the world's largest diamond discovered?

- Passive Answer

The world's largest diamond was discovered in 1905.

Where / someone / world's largest diamond / find  
answer - in South Africa  
simple past tense



- **Active Question:**

Where did someone find the world's largest diamond?

- **Active Answer:**

Someone found the world's largest diamond in South Africa.

- **Passive Question:**

Where was the world's largest diamond found (by someone) ?

- **Passive Answer**

The world's largest diamond was found (by someone) in South Africa.



Why /a company / cotton /grow /in Goodyear  
answer – to make tires  
simple past tense



- Active Question:

Why did a company grow cotton in Goodyear?

- Active Answer:

A company grew cotton in Goodyear to make tires.

- Passive Question:

Why was cotton grown (by a company) in Goodyear?

- Passive Answer

Cotton was grown (by a company) in Goodyear to make tires.

When/a tire company/cotton/grow/in Goodyear  
answer - in the 1940s  
simple past tense



- Active Question:

When did a tire company grow cotton in Goodyear?

- Active Answer:

A tire company grew cotton in Goodyear in the 1940s.

- Passive Question:

When was cotton grown (by a tire company) in Goodyear?

- Passive Answer

Cotton was grown (by a tire company) in Goodyear in the 1940s.

When / someone / create / CDs  
answer – in 1982  
simple past tense



- Active Question:

When did someone create CDs?

- Active Answer:

Someone created CDs in 1982.

- Passive Question:

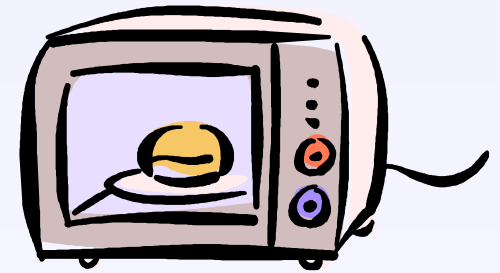
When were CDs created (by someone) ?

- Passive Answer

CDs were created (by someone) in 1982?

How / Percy Spencer / discover / microwave cooking

answer – accidentally  
simple past tense



- **Active Question:**

How did Percy Spencer discover microwave cooking?

- **Active Answer:**

Percy Spencer accidentally discovered microwave cooking.

- **Passive Question:**

How was microwave cooking discovered (by Percy Spencer)?

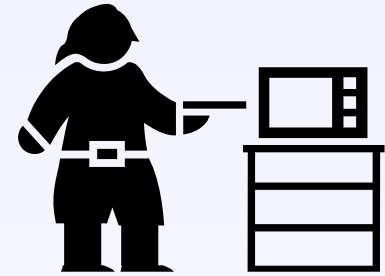
- **Passive Answer**

Microwave cooking was accidentally discovered (by Percy Spencer).

When / Percy Spencer / discover / microwave cooking

answer – in 1945

simple past tense



- Active Question:

When did Percy Spencer discover microwave cooking?

- Active Answer:

Percy Spencer discovered microwave cooking in 1945.

- Passive Question:

When was microwave cooking discovered (by Percy Spencer)?

- Passive Answer

Microwave cooking was discovered (by Percy Spencer) in 1945.

What / Thomas Edison / invent  
answer – the telephone & phonograph  
simple past tense

- Active Question:

What did Thomas Edison invent?

- Active Answer:

Thomas Edison invented the light bulb and phonograph.

- Passive Question:

What was invented by Thomas Edison?

- Passive Answer

The light bulb and phonograph were invented by Thomas Edison.

