

The passive

- WE OFTEN PREFER THE
PASSIVE WHEN IT IS NOT SO
IMPORTANT WHO OR WHAT
DID THE ACTION

ACTIVE: People built Buckingham Palace in 1837

- PEOPLE (subject)
- **BUILT**
(verb in the past)
- BUCKINGHAM PALACE
(direct object)
- IN 1837
(time)



PASSIVE: Buckingham Palace was built (by people) in 1837

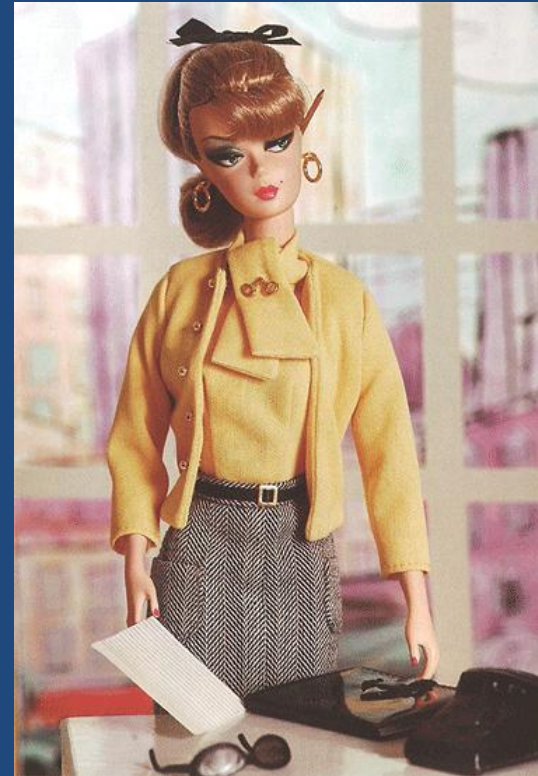
- BUCKINGHAM PALACE
(subject)
- WAS BUILT
(be past participle)
- (BY PEOPLE)
(agent)
- IN 1837



	SUBJECT	VB	DIRECT OBJECT	
	THE DOG	BITE <u>S</u> (PRESENT S)	THE GIRL	
ACTIVE				
	THE GIRL	IS (PRESENT S)	BITTEN (3RD FORM/ -ED)	BY THE DOG
PASSIVE		= TO BE TENSE		
	1 SUBJECT	2 VB TO BE	3 PAST PARTICIPLE (3/ED)	4 BY+ AGENT

PASSIVE WITH TWO OBJECTS

► THEY DIDN'T OFFER **ANN** THE JOB



PASSIVE WITH TWO OBJECTS

▶ THEY DIDN'T OFFER **ANN** THE JOB

▶ **THE JOB** WASN'T OFFERED TO ANN

▶ **ANN** WASN'T OFFERED THE JOB

PASSIVE WITH TWO OBJECTS

- ASK
- TELL
- GIVE
- SEND
- SHOW
- TEACH
- PAY

PASSIVE WITH TWO OBJECTS

- ▶ THEY GAVE ME TWO HOURS TO MAKE MY DECISION
- ▶ I was given two hours to make my decision
- ▶ THEY PAID THE MEN \$500 TO DO THE JOB
- ▶ The men were paid \$500 to do the job
- ▶ I DON'T LIKE THAT PEOPLE TELL ME WHAT TO DO
- ▶ I don't like being told what to do



- This is Mary. She is very old, and nobody knows exactly how old she is:
- PEOPLE SAY SHE IS 108 YEARS OLD

► IT IS SAID THAT **MARY** IS 108 YEARS OLD



► **MARY** IS SAID TO BE 108 YEARS OLD

- IT IS BELIEVED THAT PAUL IS LIVING IN PARIS
 - PAUL IS BELIVED TO BE LIVING IN PARIS
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- IT **IS EXPECTED** THAT THE STRIKES WILL BEGIN TOMORROW
 - THE STRIKES **ARE EXPECTED** TO BEGIN TOMORROW
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- IT IS ALLEGED THAT HE STOLE \$100
 - HE IS ALLEGED TO HAVE STOLEN \$100
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- IT **IS REPORTED** THAT TWO PEOPLE WERE KILLED IN THE EXPLOSION
 - TWO PEOPLE **ARE REPORTED** TO HAVE BEEN KILLED IN THE EXPLOSION
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- IT IS SUPPOSED THAT YOU SHOULD STUDY EVERY DAY
 - YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO STUDY EVERY DAY
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