# **Passive Voice**

#### 1. Change of Subject and Object France won the footballmatch. active Ρ S \_0 The footballmatch was won France. by passive Ρ S 0

#### 2. Form **Present Tense** stolen is Present Perfect Tense has been stolen Past Tense The money stolen was Past Perfect Tense had been stolen **Future Tense** will be stolen Form of + 3. Spalte "to be"

#### 3. Use

a) "Täter/Ursache" ist unbekannt oder unwichtig (Reporterstil)

The pictures were stolen.

b) um einen Satzteil zu betonen

She was invited by the queen!

c) Passive progressive

You can't use the toilets. They are being cleaned.

When I came the baby was being fed.

d) Verbs with two objects (subjects)

The key was given to me.

l was given the key.

give, bring, write, show, tell, ask, ...

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e) Auxiliary Verbs: can, may, must, shall, will, ... + be + 3. Spalte

Cigarettes must be declared.

This bread should be eaten.

These cars can be sold.

f) Verbs with prepositions

The baby is looked after.

He was laughed at.

The cat has been run over.

g) Passive with "get"

Many people get lost.

The windows got broken.

#### **Exercises**

Put into Passive Voice

- 1. Someone switched on the light.
- 2. He wrote it with a pencil.
- 3. Someone has found his keys.
- 4. He will write the note.
- 5. They sell stamps here.
- 6. The rain has flooded the camp.
- 7. They have arrested the thief.
- 8. We cut the lawn once a week.
- 9. She has cleaned my shoes.
- 10. Someone has stolen his car.
- 11. Mrs. Jordan will serve tea at 4.
- 12. He has not used the towel.

### By whom? Passive - Past Tense simple

Yesterday discover Ernest Hemingway
The safety razor sing King Camp Gilette
St. Paul's Cathedral design George Gershwin
Penicillin compose The Beatles

A Farewell to Arms invent Sir Christopher Wren
Porgy and Bess make Alexander Fleming
Psycho write Alfred Hitchcock