

PASSIVE VOICE (SIMPLE PRESENT AND SIMPLE PAST)

Active voice

Students **write** this magazine.

The boy **kicked** the ball.

(Someone) **picks up** strawberries
in February.

(Someone) **turned on** the computer.

Passive voice

This magazine **is written** by students.

The ball **was kicked** by the boy.

Strawberries **are picked up** in February.

The computer **was turned on**.

- To form the passive voice in simple present, use *is / are* + past participle. To form the passive voice in simple past, use *was / were* + past participle.
- You cannot use the passive voice with verbs such as *to be*, *to become*, *to live*, *to arrive*, etc.
- Do not mention the person or thing that does the action in passive voice when it is unknown or unimportant.