



Passive (2)

Example:

Someone stole my car.

The verb **To Steal** is irregular: **Steal - Stole - Stolen**

- 1) **My car**
- 2) The tense is *past* so we use the past of the verb **To Be, Was, Were**, the new subject is **my car** so **was**
- 3) **Stolen**
- 4) The subject here is not important.

My car was stolen

Basically we exchange the subject and the object, we use the verb **To Be** in place of the original verb which now changes into its past participle.

We can recognise the passive in three ways:

- a) *It is impossible for the subject to carry out the action.*
- b) *There is BY.*
- c) *There is the verb To BE and the past participle.*

Examples:

- a) **The wall was built.** (It is impossible for the wall to build anything)
- b) The wall was build **by** Mr Smith
- c) The wall **was built.**