

**Cultural Expressions Through Art Forms** 

Lesson 41
Grammar Station (1)



# **GRAMMAR LEAD-IN**

# Who painted these paintings?



**Starry Night** 



**Sunflowers** 

## **GRAMMAR FOCUS**

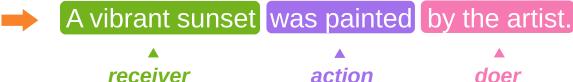
#### **Active and Passive Voice**

The active voice is used when the subject (doer) does the action.

The passive voice is used when the subject (receiver) receives the action.









Look at the underlined verbs in these sentences. Identify if it is active or passive.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Leonardo da Vinci <u>painted</u> the famous Mona Lisa.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. The famous statue of David <u>was sculpted</u> by Michelangelo.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Beautiful masterpieces were crafted during the Middle Ages.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. The sculptor <u>carved</u> a magnificent statue of King Arthur.



## **GRAMMAR FOCUS**

#### **Passive Voice**

Let's look at the "active voice" and "passive voice". Can you spot a difference in their verb forms?

The painter finishes a beautiful landscape. (active)

A beautiful landscape <u>is finished</u> by the painter. (passive)

We use **be** + past participle to form the passive.

The painter finished a beautiful landscape. (active)

A beautiful landscape <u>was</u> finished by the painter. (passive)



#### A Have a try!

Fill in the blanks with the correct verbs then identify whether it is active or passive.

- <u>active</u> 1. The artist <u>painted</u> (paint) a beautiful castle in the Middle Ages.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. A portrait of a noble lady \_\_\_\_\_ (made) by the artist.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. A skilled craftsman \_\_\_\_\_ (carve) a wooden statue.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. A lot of stories in the beautiful script \_\_\_\_\_ (write) by him.



## **GRAMMAR FOCUS**

#### "by..." in Passive Voice

- If the person who did something is important, we use by + person:
  - Mona Lisa was painted by Leonardo da Vinci.
  - The Canterbury Tales were written by Geoffrey Chaucer.
- We DON'T use "by..." when:
  - 1 we don't know who or what does something:
    The legendary tales were passed down through generations.
    The castle's secret passages were carefully hidden.
  - 2 it is obvious or unimportant who does something:
    The Last Supper was painted a long time ago.
    Iconic masterpieces were created during the Middle Ages.



Make a passive sentence based on the following situations.

1. You want to emphasize that your grandmother cooked the delicious dinner.

2. You want to say that there is a new bridge built across the river.

## **PRACTICE TIME**

#### Change the sentences into passive.

- 1. The king built a stone tower.
- 2. The knight protected the royal treasure chest.
- 3. Fra Angelico created a colorful painting called the Annunciation.
- 4. The teachers held a big feast for the students
- 5. The company awarded John with the Employee of the Month title.



## **PRACTICE TIME**

You are visiting a museum with friends. Share what you know about each masterpiece in the passive voice.



**Book:** The Decameron

**Author:** Giovanni Boccaccio

**Date:** 1353



Painting: Girl With A Pearl Earring

**Artist:** Johannes Vermeer

**Date:** 1665



**Architecture:** Chartres Cathedral

**Builder:** unknown

Date: 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> centuries



**Sculpture:** The Statue of Liberty

**Sculptor:** Frederic Auguste Bartholdi

**Date:** 1886

## TAKE A NOTE

#### To have something done

We say "have something done" when we let other people do something for us. We do not usually say who did it.

### have + noun + past participle

The castle has a grand feast prepared for the arrival of the guests.

(The servants have prepared a grand feast for the arrival of the guests.)

#### Mr. Chase had a vacation house built for their family.

(The carpenters built a vacation house for the family of Mr. Chase.)





#### Mave a try!

Complete the sentences using the past participle of the verbs.

- 1. They had a huge meal \_\_\_\_\_ (prepare) for an important guest.
- 2. Monks had special songs \_\_\_\_\_ (write) in a big book.
- 3. Knights had their armor \_\_\_\_\_ (fix) and \_\_\_\_\_ (polish).
- 4. She had a colorful cloth with a nice design \_\_\_\_\_ (hang) in her room.

## **PRODUCTION**

Complete the passage using the correct verb forms.

## The Art of Middle Ages

Masterpieces from the Middle Ages \_\_\_\_\_ (be, create) by talented people long ago. During those days, a lot of works (be, make) with care and skill. One of the most famous paintings \_\_\_\_\_ (be, do) by Leonardo da Vinci. It (be, call) the Mona Lisa. This painting (be, love) by people all over the world. In France, a huge cathedral \_\_\_\_\_ (be, build) by skilled craftsmen. It's called Chartres Cathedral. It took many years to finish this amazing building. Its colorful stained glass windows tell stories from years ago. They \_\_\_\_\_ (be, design) with great technique that only a few can do nowadays. These old masterpieces show us how creative and skilled people were in the Middle Ages.

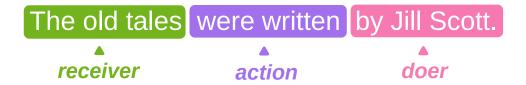


## **SUMMARY**



**Passive Voice** 

The passive voice is used when the subject receives the action.



We use to be + past participle to form the passive.

The books were passed down by many people.

The Last Supper was painted a long time ago.

! We say "have something done" when we let other people do something for us. We do not usually say who did it.

have + noun + past participle

The castle **had a feast prepared** for us.

She has the computer fixed.

