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## Grammar Reference

1. Grammar Reference (Please remember that this grammar reference section is not a lesson plan for teachers. In fact, it is and should be designed in such a way that students can comprehend the grammar points on their own.)

### Simple present passive

The passive voice is used to emphasize the receiver of the action or when the doer of the action is not known or is not important.

Example:

Active	Passive
<i>My mother</i> fries <b>the mushrooms</b> in butter.	<b>The mushrooms</b> are <b>fried</b> in butter <i>by my mother</i> .
Chefs grill <b>meat</b> on a stick.	<b>Meat</b> is <b>grilled</b> on a stick.

Form:

... + am/is/are + verb (past participle) + ...

Remember:

- An active verb is used to say what the subject does while a passive voice is used to say what happens to the subject.
- The subject of the active sentence becomes the object of the passive sentence (or sometimes is dropped)  
Example: **Lisa** writes a letter. => A letter is written **by Lisa**.  
**Policemen** catch thieves. => Thieves are caught.

Time clauses

Time clauses are used to show the order of events.

Example:

**Before you start** grilling meat, you heat the pan.

**After you make** the pan hot, you start grilling meat.

Heat some butter in the pan **until it melts**.

**Once it is melted**, add some salt and red pepper.

**As soon as it's done**, pour it over the meat.

**Remember:** Time clauses requires a stated subject. When the time clause is at the beginning of the sentence, there is a comma after a time clause. If the time clause is at the end of the sentence, there is NO comma.