



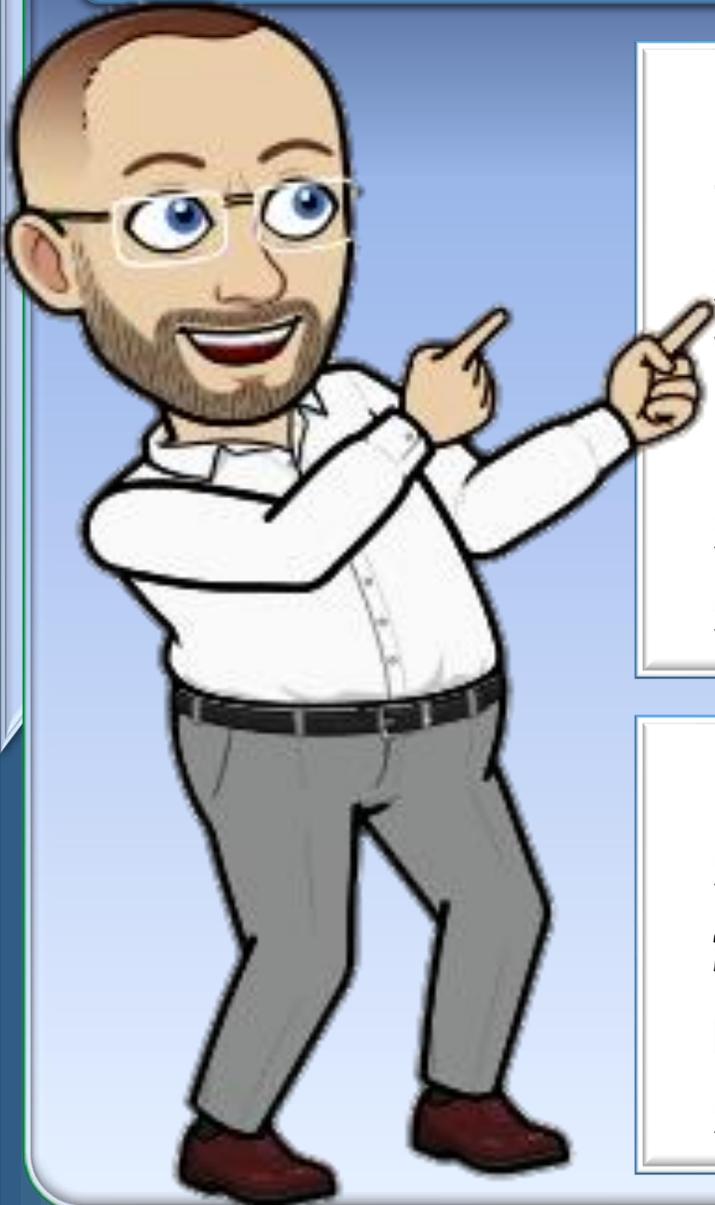
**What are Voices  
of the Verbs for?**

**Grammar**

**Voices of the Verbs – Introduction**



## Voices of The Verbs – Types



**Verbs** in English have **voice**, which refers to the relationship between the **subject** of the sentence, the **verb** and the **object**. **Ex.: Verb Voice:** There are two **verb voices** in English.

**Passive Voice** – when the subject of the sentence is being acted upon. The subject of the sentence is not performing the action.

**Active Voice** – when the **subject** of the sentence the person or thing **doing the action of the verb** or in the state expressed by the verb. This is the voice with which we are most familiar – the subject performs the action of the sentence.

# The Passive Voice



The Passive Voice is used when we are more interested in **what** happened than in **who** performed the action;

e.g. The first radio was built in Germany.

The Passive Voice is used if we don't know who performed a certain action;

e.g. My television was stolen yesterday.



# The Passive Voice – Present



subject      Verb (Simple Present)      object

Journalists write articles.

Articles are written by journalists.

Passive  
subject

Simple Present of BE  
+ Past Participle

By + object

# The Passive Voice – Past



subject    Verb (Simple Past)    object

Delivery boys sold newspapers.

Newspapers were sold by delivery boys.

Passive subject    Past of BE + Past Participle    By + object

## The Passive Voice – Future



subject

Verb (Future - WILL)

object

The children will read the new book.

The new book will be read by the children.

Passive  
subject

WILL + BE + Past  
Participle

By + object

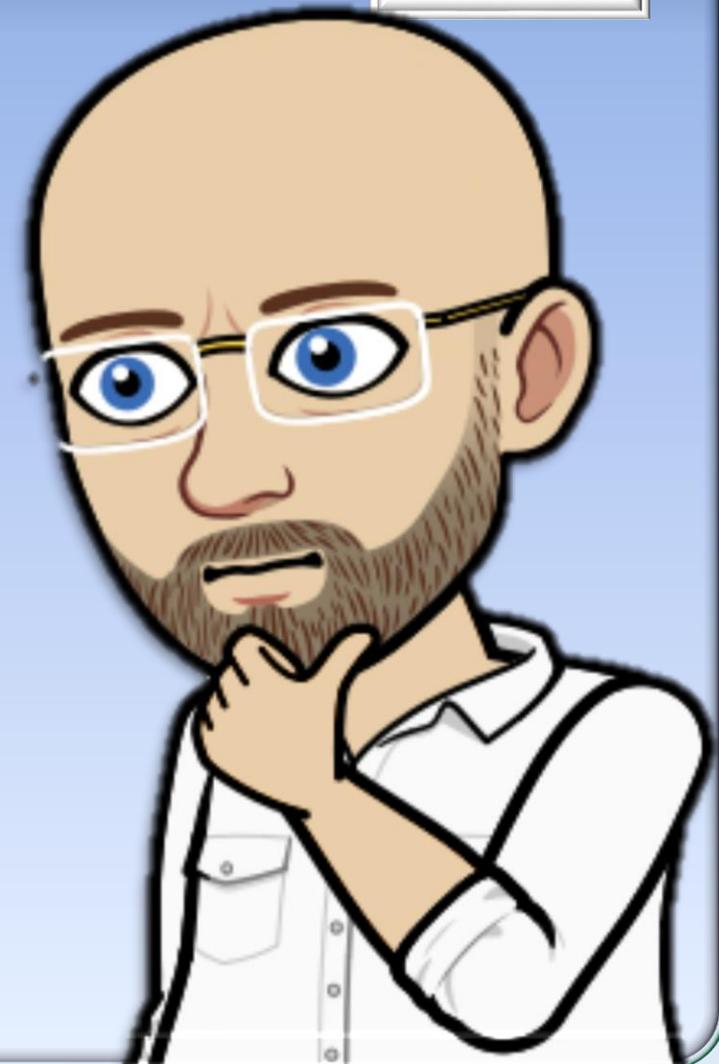
# The Pronouns – Passive Voice



## PERSONAL PRONOUNS

ACTIVE VOICE	PASSIVE VOICE
I	me
You	you
he	him
she	her
it	it
we	us
you	you
they	them

**A.V.:** I used the **telephone**. / **P.V.:** The **telephone** was used by **me**.



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