

# The Passive Voice in the Present Perfect & Past Tense

## Passive Voice

Use the passive voice when the focus of the idea is not on the person or thing doing the action but on the recipient of the action.

## Past Tense

### Structure

*Object + was/were (not) + past participle + subject.*

### Affirmative

*The company was recognized as a leader in the field.*

### Negative

*They weren't mentioned in the magazine article.*

## Present Perfect Tense

### Structure

*Object + has/have (not) been + past participle + subject.*

### Affirmative

*Their medical research has been celebrated in the field.*

### Negative

*They haven't been awarded for their work and innovation.*

## Past Participles

Acknowledged	Known
Celebrated	Led
Awarded	Admired
Mentioned	Represented
Recognized	Created
Established	Respected

## Practice assignment:

- Use the past participles to describe your company's history and achievements. Use the passive voice.
- Think about a company (or product) that you really like. Write 4 sentences using the passive about the way the company or product was received and/or celebrated by the public.

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