

TODAY: Passive Voice

**1 What is the Passive?**

**2 Tenses**

**3 Common problems doctors have**

## What is the Passive?

**Not a tense**

Start with the **Object** of the sentence



Receiver of action

### Reason:

- Done by medical professionals we use **PASSIVE**
- Done by the patient we use **ACTIVE**

This is because we **prioritise** the patient and it is more **formal**

### Example:

He was not prescribed antibiotics by the doctor	The doctor prescribed antibiotics...
O be (not) V3 by S	S v O

### Question:

Was he prescribed antibiotics?



<b>SIMPLE</b>	I ate an apple <b>An apple was eaten</b>	I eat apples <b>Apples are eaten</b>	I will eat an apple <b>An apple will be eaten</b>
<b>CONTINUOUS</b>	I was eating an apple <b>An apple was being eaten</b>	I am eating an apple <b>An apple is being eaten</b>	I will be eating an apple <b>An apple will be being eaten</b>
<b>PERFECT</b>	I had eaten an apple <b>An apple had been eaten</b>	I have eaten an apple <b>Apples have been eaten</b>	I will have eaten an apple <b>An apple will have been eaten</b>

**Present Perfect Continuous?** We do not need it.

### Common problems for Doctors in OET:

- **The verb (V3):** Some we cannot use Passive
- **2 Objects:** which one should I start with?
- **Tenses:** occasionally
- **Verb patterns:**

Her mother **needs to encourage** Mrs Green

Mrs Green needs \_\_\_\_ encouraged by her mother

## REVIEW

SIMPLE	I ate an apple	I eat apples	I will eat an apple
	<b>The apple was eaten</b>	<b>The apple is eaten</b>	<b>The apple will be eaten</b>
	O be V3	O be V3	O <u>will be</u> V3
CONTINUOUS	I was eating an apple	I am eating an apple	I will be eating an apple
	<b>An apple was being eaten</b>	<b>An apple is being eaten</b>	<b>An apple will be being eaten</b>
	O be being V3	O be being V3	O be <u>will be being</u> V3
PERFECT	I had eaten an apple	I have eaten an apple	I will have eaten an apple
	<b>An apple had been eaten</b>	<b>An apple has been eaten</b>	<b>An apple will have been eaten</b>
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