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OET Writing – Passive Voice for OET

Starter

Use the correct tense or form of the passive voice to complete these sentences using the verb in brackets:

1. You can **be fined** (fine) by the police for speeding
2. The class **is taught** (teach) in Classroom 3 every day
3. The prisoner **will be released / is going to be released** (release) next week
4. The student wants **to be helped** (help) by the teacher
5. My house **is being painted** (paint) at the moment
6. I love **to be given / being given** (give) presents at Christmas
7. Have you ever **been followed** (follow) by a police officer?
8. My car **was broken** (break) into last week

What are the missing words in these sentences?

The food **which/that is** eaten by British people is high in carbohydrates.

The students **who/that are** taught by Laurence are in the main Zoom room.

In more natural English, we often omit the relative pronoun and the verb 'to be':

The food eaten by British people is high in carbohydrates.

The students taught by Laurence are in classroom 10.

This is called a reduced relative clause

How can we make these sentences more fluent and natural?

1. The fruit ~~which was~~ sold in this shop was totally organic.
2. The man ~~who is~~ called Simon works in London.
3. The shops ~~which are~~ owned by Mr Samuel are very profitable.
4. The people ~~who were~~ spoken to were happy about the proposals.

**When we omit the verb 'to be' how do we know the tense of the sentence?
Look at the other verb in the sentence!**