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## OET Writing – Passive Voice Continued

### Starter

Change the sentences below into the passive voice

Think about tense or form...

1. People use computers in most offices  
**Computers are used in most offices – present simple**
2. The maid will clean the room  
**The room will be cleaned (by the maid) – future simple**
3. Workmen were digging up the road  
**The road was being dug up – Past continuous**
4. The staff are tidying the classroom  
**The classroom is being tidied (by the staff) – Present continuous**
5. The police have caught the criminal  
**The criminal has been caught – present perfect simple**
6. The boss had found the employee stealing money  
**The employee had been found stealing money – past perfect simple**
7. James Cameron directed 'Avatar'  
**'Avatar' was directed by James Cameron – past simple**
8. Care workers need to assist my grandfather  
**My grandfather needs to be assisted by care workers – infinitive form**
9. Teachers should teach the students  
**The students should be taught – bare infinitive**
10. I hate somebody waking me up when I'm asleep  
**I hate being woken up – gerund form**

### In OET writing we might use...

- Present simple
- Present perfect simple
- Past simple
- Past perfect (maybe)
- Future simple
- Infinitive form – “needs to be monitored”
- Bare infinitive form – “should be monitored”

**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?**