

Unit 43: PASSIVE VERB FORMATIONS

All passive formations have the verb **be** before a past participle.

1 Statements

		be	+	PAST PARTICIPLE
Present simple	Tea	is		drunk everywhere.
	These carpets	are		made by hand.
Present continuous	They	are being		held here in 2007.
Past simple	This book	was		written by Shakespeare.
Past continuous	The car	was being		repaired .
Present perfect	She	has not been		told yet.
Past perfect	They	had not been		invited to the party.
Modals before a simple formation	It	may be		locked at any time.
	She	will be		given a prize.
Modals before a perfect formation	It	must have been		stolen .
	He	might have been		killed .
be going to	It	is going to be		built here.
have to	The job	has to be		done by tonight.
used to	This place	used to be		used as a playground.

NOTICE: Irregular past participles are in Appendix 10.

2 Questions

As usual, put the first part of the verb before the subject (Unit 9.3). For example:

Present simple	How	are	these carpets	made?	
Past simple	Who	was	this book	written	by?
Present perfect		Has	she	been told	the news yet?
Modal		Can	we	be seen	from here?

NOTICE: With **have to** and **used to**, use the correct form of the auxiliary **do**.
Does it have to be done by tonight?