

FORMULAS FOR PASSIVE VOICE

Verb-Tense Formation In Passive Voice

Example

Present

am, is, are + past participle

Mail is delivered to the residence hall every day except Sunday.

Present progressive

am being, is being, are being
+ past participle

A new addition is being added to the library.

Past

was, were + past participle

The grades were posted by the teaching assistant at 3:00 pm

Past progressive

was being, were being +
past participle

When I arrived at Wellman Hall, the corrected problem sets were being distributed.

Present perfect

has been, have been + past participle

I think the money has already been sent electronically by the bank.

Past perfect

had been + past participle

All the food had been eaten when I arrived at the potluck dinner.

Future

will be + past participle

The tests will be given back on Thursday

Future perfect

will have been + past participle

By the time you arrive at the concert hall, all the free tickets will have been given out.

Passive Form of Modal Verb Phrases
Modal Verb-Tense Formation in Passive Voice

Example

Present

Modal + be + past participle

Revision for spelling can easily be done on a computer.
Problems with reservations should be reported to the
restaurant manager.

Past

Modal+have been+past participle

It is possible that the train could have been delayed.
I think she should have been elected chair of the
committee.