**The present and past tense of the passive**

In een passieve zin ondergaat het onderwerp de actie.

Het lijdend voorwerp van de actieve zin wordt het onderwerp in de passieve zin

Als je het woordje **by/by someone** erachter kunt plaatsen dan is er sprake van een passive.

The leaflets are being sent *by someone.*

**Present tense of the passive** is formed by the **present tense of be + past participle**

**Past tense of the passive** is formed by the **past tense of to be + past participle**

If there is an **indication of past time** in a sentence, the **past tense** must be used

The house **was built** thirty years ago

If the active sentence contains an **indirect object** *(meewerkend voorwerp)* , the indirect object can be made the subject of the passive sentence.

Her boss promised **her** a pay rise *(active sentence)*

She was promised a pay rise (by her boss) *(passive sentence)*