

UNIT 20

ACTIVE AND PASSIVE VOICE

REVIEW

The **passive voice** is used to **show that the action is more important than the doer**.

Review these.

- **active** The domestic helper **does** the housework.
passive The housework **is done** by the domestic helper.

The **passive voice** is used **when the doer of the action is not known or uncertain**. The doer or 'agent' is left out of the sentence.

Review these.

- **active** Someone **stole** Jean's wallet.
passive Jean's wallet **was stolen**.

The **passive voice** consists of a **verb 'to be'** and a **past participle**.

Review these.

- **active** They **sweep** the park every morning.
passive The park **is swept** every morning.
- **active** May **is looking** after my younger brother.
passive My younger brother **is being looked** after by May.
- **active** Someone **has opened** the safe.
passive The safe **has been opened**.
- **active** The principal **praised** the student.
passive The student **was praised** by the principal.
- **active** They **had burgled** the house twice.
passive The house **had been burgled** twice.
- **active** Mr Owen **will serve** the guests himself.
passive The guests **will be served** by Mr Owen himself.