



# The Passive Voice

## Active Voice - Passive Voice examples

I will have flowers delivered to my Mom for her birthday. 🌹 Let's use this situation with some examples of the passive voice with different verb tenses.

The passive voice uses a form of the verb TO BE with the past participle of the verb in the main action. In these examples we will use the **delivered** which is the past participle of the verb **to deliver**.

Infinitive	to deliver
Present simple	I / you / we / they deliver - he / she / it delivers
Past simple	delivered
<b>Past participle</b>	<b>delivered</b>
Continuous	(is, am, was, were) delivering



Verb tense <i>TO BE</i>	Active	Passive
<i>Infinitive</i>	We need <u>to deliver</u> these flowers by 5:00.	These flowers need <b>to be delivered</b> by 5:00.
<i>Simple present</i>	We <u>deliver</u> flowers every day.	Flowers <b>are delivered</b> every day.
<i>Present continuous</i>	We <u>are delivering</u> flowers right now.	Flowers <b>are being delivered</b> right now.
<i>Simple past</i>	We <u>delivered</u> flowers 2 days ago.	Flowers <b>were delivered</b> 2 days ago.
<i>Past continuous</i>	We <u>were delivering</u> the flowers when you called.	The flowers <b>were being delivered</b> when I phoned the florist.
<i>Future</i>	We <u>will deliver</u> the flowers next Tuesday.	The flowers <b>will be delivered</b> next Tuesday.
<i>Present perfect</i>	Our company <u>has delivered</u> flowers in Canada for many years.	Flowers <b>have been delivered</b> in Canada since 1877.
<i>Past perfect</i>	We <u>had delivered</u> the flowers before your mom got home.	The flowers <b>had been delivered</b> before my mom got home.
<i>Future perfect</i>	We <u>will have delivered</u> the flowers by then.	My mom gets home at 5:30. The flowers <b>will have been delivered</b> by then.
<i>Future conditional</i>	We <u>will deliver</u> your flowers <u>if</u> there are no problems with your credit card.	The flowers <b>will be delivered if</b> there are no problems with your credit card.
<i>Past conditional</i>	We <u>would have delivered</u> your flowers <u>if</u> we had enough roses.	The flowers would <b>have been delivered if</b> we had enough roses.



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