The passive

English B1 · Vocabulary in context

Word	Example
passive /ˈpæsɪv/	“The window was broken” is in the **passive**. “The window was broken”
bèi (passive marker) /beɪ/	Chinese **bèi (passive marker)** is like “was … by”. “was … by”
The homework was eaten by the cat (zuòyè bèi...)	**The homework was eaten by the cat (zuòyè bèi...)**!
science and news /ˈsaɪəns ænd nju:z/	The passive is common in **science and news**.
formal writing /ˈfɔ:ml ˈraɪtɪŋ/	Use the passive in **formal writing**, such as reports.
objective /ɒbˈdʒektɪv/	A report should be **objective**, not based on feelings.
comment /ˈkɒment/	He left a **comment** under the video.
celebrated /ˈseləbreɪtɪd/	We **celebrated** her birthday with a cake.

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