

Forming passive sentences 1



'I was given that watch by Luke'

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1- Verbs such as give take both a Direct Object (= DO) and an Indirect Object (= IO) in 2 patterns :

- V + IO + DO
- V + DO + preposition + IO

☞ These verbs have 2 corresponding passives:

active pattern : a : V + IO + DO b : V + DO + prep + IO	passive
a- Luke gave me that watch. b- Luke gave that watch to me.	a- I was given that watch (by Luke). b- That watch was given (* to) me (by Luke).

☞ The choice :

- It depends on the context.
- If we wish to specify an agent ► by at the end of the clause.
- Note that 'to' can be left out (*informal context*), in the second passive pattern.

☞ The verbs :

- **give, award, hand, lend, send, throw.**
- **tell, ask, read, teach.**

2- Verbs that can't be followed by IO + DO in the active have only **1** of these passive forms :

active pattern : V + DO + prep + IO	passive
☹ She explained us the situation. ✗ ☺ She explained the situation to us. ✓	☹ We were explained the situation. ✗ ☺ The situation was explained to us. ✓

☞ Verbs :

- **announce, demonstrate, describe, introduce, mention, propose, report, say, suggest.**

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Verbs followed by Object + Complement in the active have **1** passive form.

active pattern : V + Object + Complement	passive
They named him 'Huck'.	He was named 'Huck'.

☞ Other verbs :

- **appoint, declare, make, nominate, vote.**
- **call, elect, title.**