



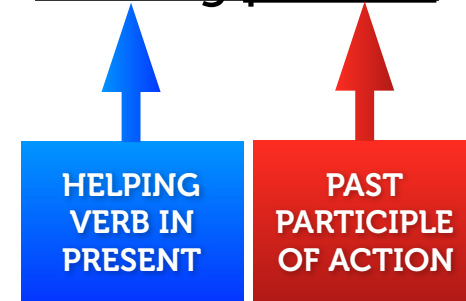
English present tense:

ACTIVE SENTENCE:

A man is painting the fence.

PASSIVE SENTENCE:

The fence is being painted.



German present tense:

the fence = der Zaun

to paint = streichen - strich - gestrichen

ACTIVSATZ:

Ein Mann **streicht** **den Zaun** .

NOMINATIVE SUBJECT ACCUSATIVE OBJECT

PASSIVSATZ:

Der Zaun **wird** **gestrichen** .

NOMINATIVE SUBJECT HELPING VERB IN PRESENT PAST PARTICIPLE OF ACTION



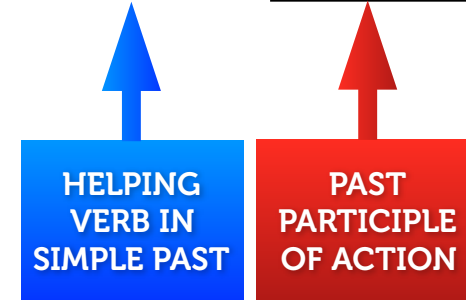
English simple past tense:

ACTIVE SENTENCE:

People built the house.

PASSIVE SENTENCE:

The house was built .



German simple past tense:

the house = das Haus

to build = bauen - baute - gebaut

ACTIVSATZ:

Die Leute bauten das Haus .

NOMINATIVE
SUBJECT

ACCUSATIVE
OBJECT

PASSIVSATZ:

Das Haus wurde gebaut .

NOMINATIVE
SUBJECT

HELPING VERB IN SIMPLE PAST

PAST PARTICIPLE OF ACTION



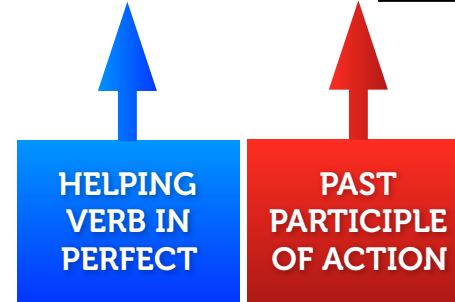
English perfect tense:

ACTIVE SENTENCE:

A woman has made a plan.

PASSIVE SENTENCE:

The plan has been made _____.



German perfect tense:

the plan = der Plan

to make = machen - machte - gemacht

ACTIVSATZ:

Eine Frau **hat** **einen Plan** **gemacht** .

NOMINATIVE
SUBJECT

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PASSIVSATZ:

Ein Plan **ist** **gemacht** **worden** .

NOMINATIVE
SUBJECT

HELPING VERB IN PERFECT

PAST PARTICIPLE OF ACTION

HELPING VERB IN PERFECT



Active: Someone is writing a letter.

Passive: A letter is being written.

Aktiv: Jemand schreibt einen Brief.

Passiv: Ein Brief wird geschrieben.



Active: People are planting a tree.

Passive: A tree is being planted.

Aktiv: Die Leute pflanzen einen Baum.

Passiv: Ein Baum wird gepflanzt.



Active: The waiter is serving the customers.

Passive: The customers are being served.

Aktiv: Der Kellner bedient die Kunden.

Passiv: Die Kunden werden bedient.



Active: Someone is sending thank-you cards.

Passive: Thank-you cards are being sent.

Aktiv: Jemand schickt Dankkarten.

Passiv: Dankkarten werden geschickt.



Active: Someone is thanking the guests.

Passive: The guests are being thanked.

Aktiv: Jemand dankt den Gästen.

Passiv: Den Gästen wird gedankt.



Active: The children are dancing.

Passive: (none possible in English)

Aktiv: Die Kinder tanzen.

Passiv: Es wird getanzt.