

# The Passive Voice

## To be + Past Participle

- Paper is made from wood.

The action of the verb is more important than the agent.

- These gates aren't locked at night.

If we want to say who does the action, we use **by**.

- This picture was painted by a girl in my class.

The agent is unknown.

- A lot of money was stolen from the bank.

The agent is unimportant.

- This house was built in 1939.
- Breakfast will be served at 7:30.

The agent is obvious from the context.

- The robbers have been arrested.