**Passive Voice**

simple*: to be + past participle*

*continuous: to be + being + past participle*

We use **the passive voice** when we want to focus on an action or the object of the action, rather than the person who is doing the action.

**The object** (podmět) of the active sentence **becomes the subject** (předmět) of the passive sentence.

**Active:**

* Parents are questioning the new values.
* They are changing people's lives every day.

**Passive:**

* The new values are being questioned by parents.
* People's lives are being changed every day.

In a passive sentence, we can say who did the action (the agent) using *by*.

We use by + agent when it is important to know who did the action, but it isn't always necessary. We don't usually use the agent when it is obvious who has done the action, when we don't know, or when it isn't important or relevant.

* The best products are selected **by the product manager**.
* Guests are asked ~~by the hotel~~ to sign the visitors' book.

We also use the passive when the agent doesn't want to be known in order to avoid criticism.

* I'm sorry, but the window has been broken ~~by me~~.