

# ***Travelling around mysterious places of Great Britain***

***`The most beautiful thing  
we can experience  
is the mysterious`***

***Albert Einstein***

# ***THE PASSIVE***

- We form the passive with the verb **to be** and **the past participle** of the main verb
- The present simple passive form is: **am/is/are+ past participle**  
e.g. English **is spoken** all over the world.
- The simple past passive form is: **was/were+ past participle**  
e.g. The project **was finished** yesterday.
- We use the passive when we want to focus on the **action** of the verb rather than on the person who carries out the action  
e.g. The meeting **was cancelled** last week.
- We introduced the **agent** with **by** as the preposition. The agent is mentioned only when the identity of the person is important.  
e.g. Penicillin was discovered **by Alexander Fleming**.

# *Changing from Active into Passive*

- The **object** of the active sentence becomes **the subject** in the passive sentence
- The active verb changes into a passive form
- The subject of the active sentence becomes the **agent**

**Active :**      subject    verb      object

*The decorator      paints      the house.*



**Passive:**    subject    verb      object

*The house is painted by the decorator.*



**Note:    only the verbs that take an object can have  
passive forms.**

	<b>Active</b>	<b>Passive</b>
<b>Present simple</b>	He paints the house.	The house is painted.
<b>Present continuous</b>	He is painting the house.	The house is being painted.
<b>Past simple</b>	He painted the house.	The house was painted.
<b>Past continuous</b>	He was painting the house.	The house was being painted.
<b>Present perfect simple</b>	He has painted the house.	The house has been painted.
<b>Past perfect simple</b>	He had painted the house.	The house had been painted.
<b>Future simple</b>	He will paint the house.	The house will be painted.
<b>Infinitive</b>	He has to paint the house.	The house has to be painted.
<b>modals</b>	He may paint the house.	The house may be painted.

# **a) Fill in the gaps in the table**

<b>Tense</b>	<b>Active</b>	<b>Passive</b>
Present simple	1)	is/ are known
Present continuous	is/ are celebrating	2)
Past simple	3)	Was/ were placed
Past continuous	was/ were explaining	4)
Present perfect simple	5)	have/ has been associated
Future simple	will destroy	6)

***b) Use the appropriate forms of the verb from the table to complete the sentences.***

1 The holidays widely \_ all over the British Isles.

2 Stonehenge \_ as the most recognizable stone circle in Britain.

3 The holy bones \_ into the grave.

4 The whole area \_ with the great king.

5 The mystic phenomenon \_ by the famous scientists.