Travelling around mysterious places of Great Britain

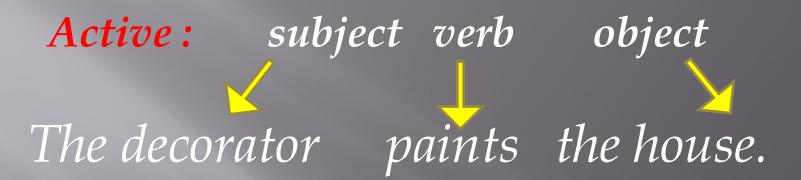
`The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious`
Albert Einstein

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 participlee.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



Passive: subject verb object

The house is painted by the decorator.

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

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

a) Fill in the gaps in the table

Tense	Active	Passive
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.