

Arbeitsblatt: Passiv mit Modalverben

A. Passivformeln. *The easiest way to remember the passive constructions is just to memorize the patterns for the different tenses using a very simple verb like 'machen'. Provide the German passive equivalents of the English sentences below, and try to memorize these as formulas for your future work.*

Präsens:	It is being done.	<u>Es wird gemacht.</u>
Präteritum:	It was done.	_____
Perfekt:	It has been done.	_____
Präsens mit Modalverb:	It must be done.	_____
Präteritum mit Modalverb:	It had to be done.	_____

B. Was muss gemacht werden? *Your parents are coming for a visit tomorrow, and many things have to be done before then. Write sentences in the present passive using the modal verb müssen. Then write one sentence of your own.*

BEISPIEL: Hemden - waschen → Die Hemden müssen noch gewaschen werden.

1. Wohnzimmer – aufräumen

2. Tisch – decken

3. Zeitungen - wegwerfen (*participle = weggeworfen*)

4. Schuhe – putzen

5. Bett – machen

6. ?

C. Meine Wohnung ist schmutzig! *There are still many more things to do before your parents arrive. For these sentences, take the active German sentence and make it passive. Change the modal verb to match the original active sentence (müssen, sollen, können, etc.)*

BEISPIEL: Ich muss die Küche sauber machen. ➡ Die Küche muss sauber gemacht werden.

1. Ich muss das Badezimmer putzen.

2. Ich soll eine Tür reparieren.

3. Ich kann neue Vorhänge (=curtains) kaufen.

4. Ich soll den Teppich waschen.

5. Ich könnte die Wände neu streichen (=gestrichen).

D. Alles im Passiv. *As review, translate each sentence into German, paying attention to the way the verb 'werden' changes to accommodate the tense or helping verb.*

1. The soup is being cooked. _____
The soup has already been cooked. _____
The soup must still (=noch) be cooked. _____

2. Is the house being renovated? _____
Was the house renovated? _____
The house should be renovated. _____

3. I was not asked. _____
I have not been asked yet (=noch nicht). _____
I really should have been asked!
(difficult -- can you figure it out?) _____

4. Is the old woman being helped? _____
Has the old woman been helped? _____
Can the old woman be helped? _____