

passive1. ['pæsɪv] *n* (the passive)

- 1) *грам.* страдательный залог; пассивная форма
- 2) *редк.* покорное существо

2. ['pæsɪv] *a*

1. 1) пассивный, инертный, бездеятельный

passive air defence - *воен.* пассивная противовоздушная оборонаpassive flight - *ав.* полёт с выключенным двигателем, планирующий полёт

to remain passive - быть бездеятельным/инертным

in spite of my efforts the boy remained passive - несмотря на мои усилия, мальчик оставался безучастным

I am passive in their disputes - я не принимаю участия в их спорах

2) послушный, покорный (*часто о животных*); податливый, не оказывающий сопротивления

passive obedience - слепое повиновение

2. *грам.* страдательный

passive voice - пассивная форма; страдательный залог

3. *фин.* беспроцентный

passive balance - пассивное сальдо

passive bonds - *амер.* беспроцентные облигации

passive debt - долги, которые выплачиваются без процентов

4. *хум.* инертный, неактивный**passive**

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pas·sive **AW** [passive passives] **adjective, noun** *BrE* ['pæsɪv] ^m *NAmE* ['pæsɪv]**adjective**

1. accepting what happens or what people do without trying to change anything or oppose them

• He played a passive role in the relationship.

• a passive observer of events

• She wore a passive expression on her face as if she didn't care what happened.

2. (**grammar**) connected with the form of a verb used when the subject is affected by the action of the verb, for example He was bitten by a dog. is a passive sentence**compare** ↑ **active**Word Origin:late Middle English (in sense 2, also in the sense '(exposed to) suffering, acted on by an external agency'): from Latin **passivus**, from **pass-** 'suffered', from the verb **pati**.Thesaurus:**passive** **adj.**

• He was just a passive observer of events.

docile • • **submissive** • • **meek** • |especially written, approving **amenable** • |written, often disapproving **compliant** •**Opp:** **active**a passive/submissive/compliant **role**passive/meek **obedience**Example Bank:

• TV is a completely passive activity.

• The heroine plays an essentially passive role in the drama.

• She wore a passive expression on her face as if she didn't care what happened.

• Throughout this time I was simply a passive observer of events.

• We are passive recipients of information from the world around us.

Derived Word ↑ **passively****noun** (also **'passive voice'**) **singular** (**grammar**)

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1. **pas·sive** ¹ **AC** /'pæsɪv/ *BrE* ^m *AmE* ^m **adjective**[**Word Family:** **noun:** ↑ **passivity**; **adverb:** ↑ **passively**; **adjective:** ↑ **passive**][**Date:** 1300-1400; **Language:** Latin; **Origin:** passivus, from pati; ⇨ ↑ **passion**]

1. someone who is passive tends to accept things that happen to them or things that people say to them, without taking any action

⇨ **impassive:**

Kathy seems to take a very passive role in the relationship.

their passive acceptance of their fate

2. *technical* a passive verb or sentence has as its subject the person or thing to which an action is done, as in 'His father was killed in a car accident.' ⇒ ↑active¹(6)

—*passively* *adverb*:

He listened passively as his sentence was read out.

—*passivity* /pæ'sɪvəti, pæ'sɪvɪti/ *noun* [uncountable]

II. *passive*² *AC BrE AmE noun*

the passive *technical* the passive form of a verb, for example 'was destroyed' in the sentence 'The building was destroyed during the war.'

⇒ ↑active²

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