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WHAT IS THE ZUSTANDSPASSIV?

The status passive focuses on the state after an action, i.e., the result of an action.

- „Die Frau hatte einen Unfall. Sie **ist verletzt**.“

During the action, the woman was injured.

→ Her current condition/status: She **is injured**.

→ Who hit the woman with the car does not matter or is unknown.

CONSTRUCTION PRESENT

	sein	Past Participle
ich	bin	geöffnet, geschlossen, verletzt, ...
du	bist	
er/sie/es	ist	
wir	sind	
ihr	seid	
sie/Sie	sind	

"Sein" is conjugated, and the Partizip 2 (past participle) moves to the end of the sentence.

STATUS PASSIVE WITH MODAL VERBS

The state passive with modal verbs is formed from three parts:

Modal verb + Partizip 2 (Past participle) + sein

- „Das Fenster **muss geöffnet sein**.“

The modal verb is conjugated, and "sein" moves behind the Partizip 2 at the end of the sentence.

WORD ORDER

Normal Sentence:

	Position 2		End
Das Fenster	ist	(weit)	geöffnet.

Question:

Position 1			End
Ist	das Fenster	(weit)	geöffnet?

STATUS PASSIVE IN ALL TENSES

Tense	Construction
Präsens	sein + Partizip 2
Perfekt	waren + Partizip 2
Futur	werden + Partizip 2 + sein

It is impossible to form the Zustandspassiv in other tenses.

OTHER EXAMPLES

Präsens (Present):

- „Der Mann **ist** schwer **verletzt.**“
- „Der Zaun **ist** frisch **gestrichen.**“

Perfekt (Present Prefect):

- „Der Mann **war** schwer **verletzt.**“
- „Der Zaun **war** frisch **gestrichen.**“

Futur 1: (werden-future)

- „Der Mann **wird** schwer **verletzt sein.**“
- „Der Zaun **wird** frisch **gestrichen sein.**“

TASK



Native Language Check

- How do you form the Zustandspassiv in your language?

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