

The Passive With By

Add **by + the doer** only when it's useful or new information: *This book was written **by my grandmother**.* If the doer is unknown, obvious or unimportant, leave it out: *The window was broken.* Use **with** for a tool: *It was opened **with** a knife.*

This book **was written by** my grandmother.

• IN FOCUS • THING

this book

ACTION

was written

DOER

by my grandmother

1. Choose the right answer Circle a or b.

- Romeo and Juliet was written _____ Shakespeare.
a) by b) from
- The wound was cleaned _____ alcohol.
a) by b) with
- The fire was caused _____ a cigarette.
a) by b) with
- The film was directed _____ a young director from Cluj.
a) with b) by
- The box was filled _____ old letters.
a) by b) with

2. Correct the mistake

Each sentence has one mistake. Write the correct sentence.

1. The bike was stolen by someone.

2. The door was opened by a key.

3. This song was written from Ana.

3. Your turn

Write three sentences of your own that use this rule. You can use these phrases.

written by

directed by

made by

caused by

opened with

filled with

See the rule move

The full lesson, with more pictures, examples and a quiz that checks your answers, is free at
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1. Choose the right answer

1. **a) by** The doer takes by.
2. **b) with** Something used takes with.
3. **a) by** Caused by: the cause is the doer here.
4. **b) by** The doer takes by.
5. **b) with** Filled with: the material.

2. Correct the mistake

1. **The bike was stolen.** By someone adds nothing: leave it out.
2. **The door was opened with a key.** A tool takes with.
3. **This song was written by Ana.** The doer takes by.

3. Your turn

Answers will vary. Check that each sentence follows the rule on page 1, or paste them into Clarigram to have them checked.