**Episode 077 – Grammar**

**The passive voice in the future tense**

The passive voice is a verb form that is used to describe actions or conditions. It changes the perspective of an action or event. While an active sentence emphasizes the subject carrying out an action, a passive construction places emphasis on the action being carried out. The agent in a passive sentence is less important, perhaps not even named. The action itself is in the foreground.

You've already learned about the passive voice in the present tense.

**Examples:**

**Active**

*Dr. Anderson operiert Harry.*

**Passive**

*Harry wird von Dr. Anderson operiert.*

**Forming the passive voice in the future tense**

Just like in the active voice, the passive voice can be used in different tenses. To form the future tense, you use a conjugated form of "werden", the past participle of the verb and the infinitive "werden".

**Examples:**

*Anna wird erschossen werden.*

*Sie wird in den Rücken getroffen werden.*
But because that's rather cumbersome, people usually use an abbreviated form in colloquial speech. Instead, they simply use the passive voice in the present tense - but the context must make it clear that the sentence is referring to the future. The infinitive of "werden" is left out.

Example:

Anna wird erschossen.