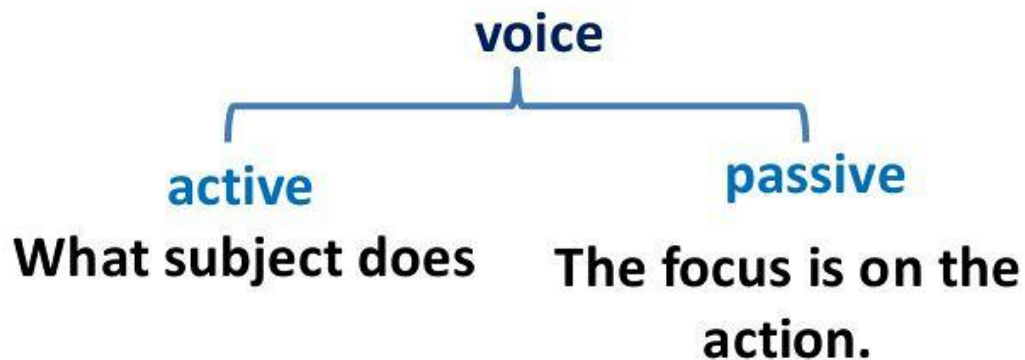


Active and passive voice



Active : Ram killed Ravan

Passive : Ravan was killed by Ram.

What is passive voice?

- In active voice, the subject **performs** the action.
- Example: **John hit** the ball.
- In passive voice, the action is performed **on** the subject. The subject **receives** the action.
- Example: **The ball was hit** over the fence.

Passive voice is formed by making the **object** of the sentence into the **subject** of the sentence.

e.g. **The tiger** bites **John**.

John is bitten by **the tiger**.

| TENSE | ACTIVE | PASSIVE |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Present Simple | I make a cake | A cake is made |
| Present Contin. | I'm making a cake | A cake is being made. |
| Past Simple | I made a cake. | A cake was made. |
| Past Continuous | I was making a cake. | A cake was being made. |
| Present Perfect | I have made a cake | A cake has been made. |
| Past Perfect | I had made a cake. | A cake had been made. |
| Future Simple | I will make a cake. | A cake will be made. |
| Future be going to | I'm going to make a cake. | A cake is going to be made. |
| Modal | I must make a cake. | A cake must be made. |
| Modal Perfect | I should have made a cake. | A cake should have been made. |

CHANGE OF VOICE IN TENSES

The change of Voice takes place only in the following EIGHT tenses:

1. Simple Present Tense
2. Simple Past Tense
3. Simple Future Tense
4. Present Continuous Tense
5. Past Continuous Tense
6. Present Perfect Tense
7. Past Perfect Tense
8. Future Perfect Tense

The tenses have been grouped in this order to help the students grasp the changes with minimum effort. The form of verb in Active as well as Passive Voice has been provided to facilitate comparison, identification and execution of the change.

Note. The following four tenses have no passive forms.

1. Future Continuous
2. Present Perfect Continuous
3. Past Perfect Continuous
4. Future Perfect Continuous



Tense

Present Simple

Past Simple

Future Simple

Present Continuous

Past Continuous

Going to

Present Perfect

Past Perfect

Infinitive

Modals

Active Voice

She **delivers** the letters.

She **delivered** the letters.

She **will deliver** the letters.

She **is delivering** the letters.

She **was delivering** the letters.

She **is going to deliver** the letters.

She **has delivered** the letters.

She **had delivered** the letters.

She **has to deliver** the letters.

She **must deliver** the letters.

Passive Voice

The letters **are delivered**.

The letters **were delivered**.

The letters **will be delivered**.

The letters **are being delivered**.

The letters **were being delivered**.

The letters **are going to be delivered**.

The letters **have been delivered**.

The letters **had been delivered**.

The letters **have to be delivered**.

The letters **must be delivered**.

Active and Passive Examples

The table below shows example sentences in active and passive voice for the basic tenses as well as various other verb forms, including infinitives and participles.

| | active | passive |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|
| Present Simple | How does one <i>pronounce</i> his name? | How <i>is</i> his name <i>pronounced</i> ? |
| Present Continuous | Ati's <i>helping</i> Tara. | Tara's <i>being helped</i> by Ati. |
| Present Perfect | Kid <i>has served</i> dinner. | Dinner <i>has been served</i> . |
| Present Perfect Continuous | The police <i>have been watching</i> that house for weeks. | That house <i>has been being watched</i> for weeks. |

The language of the students was compared (by the researchers).

↓
Subject

↓
Verb

The client was already being seen (by the doctor).

↓
Subject

↓
Verb

She should be warned.

↓
Subject

↓
Verb

Critical reading skills are important to complete the assignment

↓
Subject

↓
Verb

Passive of 'yes / No' question

Can you speak English?

Can English be spoken by you?

Has he helped them?

Have they been helped by him?

Did you help him?

Was he helped by you?

Do/ does + sub+ v1+ ob=

Is/ am/ are + ob + v3

Did + sub+ v1 + ob =
Was/were+ obj + v3

Active Voice
(Subjective case)

| | |
|------|---|
| I | → |
| We | → |
| You | → |
| He | → |
| She | → |
| It | → |
| They | → |

Passive Voice
(Objective case)

| |
|----------|
| by me |
| by us |
| by you |
| by him |
| by her |
| by it |
| by them. |

Type I. Request/Advice/order confined to the subject. Use: 'You are ordered / advised / requested + to' according to sense followed by first form of the verb.

Illustrative Examples:

Active Voice

1. *Take* exercise daily
2. *Get* out of my way.
3. Please *help* me.
4. *Do not steal*.
5. *Do not keep* bad company.
6. Kindly *sanction* my loan.

Passive Voice

1. You *are advised* to take exercise daily.
2. You *are ordered* to get out of my way.
3. You *are requested* to help me.
4. You *are forbidden* to steal.
5. You *are advised* not to keep bad company.
6. You *are requested* to sanction my loan.

What's the difference?

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Active



Present

am / is / are + past participle

Someone cleans the office every day.



The office is cleaned every day.

My boss doesn't ask me to work late.



I am not asked by my boss to work late.



Past

was / were + past participle

Someone painted our house last month.



Our house was painted last month.

The noise did not wake me up.



I was not woken up by the noise.

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