

ACTIVE - PASSIVE VOICE

PART - II ENGLISH

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VOICE

- ◉ In grammar, voice is the quality of a verb that indicates whether its subject acts (active voice) or its acted (passive voice) upon
- ◉ Only Transitive verb allows a sentence to be converted from Active Voice to Passive Voice

ACTIVE VOICE

- ◉ If the subject is the doer of the action, the sentence is in Active Voice

EXAMPLE:

- ◉ The hunter killed the tiger
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 Subject verb object

PASSIVE VOICE

- ◉ If something is done upon the subject, the sentence is in Passive Voice

EXAMPLE:

- ◉ The tiger was killed by the hunter
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 Subject verb agent

RULES FOR CONVERTING ACTIVE TO PASSIVE VOICE

- ◉ The subject of the Active Voice should be written as the agent of Passive Voice
- ◉ The object of the Active Voice should be changed into the subject of the Passive Voice
- ◉ The verb form should be written in passive form
- ◉ The tense should not be changed

SIMPLE PRESENT TENSE

Active Voice (Subject + V1/s/es)	Passive Voice (Am/are/is + V3)
I solve the problem	The problem is solved by me
They sing classical songs	Classical songs are sung by them
She touches the ball	The ball is touched by her

NOTE: V1→Present; V2→Past; V3→Past Participle

PRESENT CONTINUOUS TENSE

Active Voice (Am/is/are + verb +ing)	Passive Voice (Am/is/are + being + V3)
We are playing cricket	Cricket is being played by us
He is reading a newspaper	A newspaper is being read by him
The boys are playing football	Football is being played by the boys

PRESENT PERFECT TENSE

Active Voice (Has/have +V3)	Passive Voice (Has/have + been + V3)
He has eaten a biscuit	A biscuit has been eaten by him
They have finished the work	The work has been finished by them
Rani has typed the letters	The letters have been typed by Rani

PAST TENSE

Active Voice (Subject +V2)	Passive Voice (Was/were + V3)
The king punished the thief	The thief were punished by the king
They printed the invitation	The invitation was printed by them
Everyone praised his speech	His speech was praised by everyone

PAST CONTINUOUS TENSE

Active Voice (Was/were + verb +ing)	Passive Voice (Was/were + being + V3)
The thieves were dividing the jewels	The jewels were being divided by the thieves
The woodcutter was cutting trees	Trees were being cut by the woodcutter
They were making good progress	Good progress was being made by them

PAST PERFECT TENSE

Active Voice (Had +V3)	Passive Voice (Had +been + V3)
He had destroyed the documents	The documents had been destroyed by him
He had closed the window	The window had been closed by him
They had completed the work	The work had been completed by them

SIMPLE FUTURE TENSE

Active Voice (Will +V1)	Passive Voice (Will + be + V3)
She will speak Hindi	Hindi will be spoken by her
Mary will enjoy a holiday	A holiday will be enjoyed by Mary
We will sell the fruits	The fruits will be sold by us

FUTURE PERFECT TENSE

Active Voice (Will + have + V3)	Passive Voice (Will + have been + V3)
She will have bought a sari	A sari will have been bought by her
He will have cheated them	They will have been cheated by him
They will have finished the dinner	The dinner will have been finished by them

NO PASSIVE VOICE

- ◉ There is no Passive Voice formation for these tenses
 1. Present Perfect Continuous Tense
 2. Past Perfect Continuous Tense
 3. Future Perfect Continuous Tense
 4. Future Continuous Tense

MODALS

Active Voice (Can/should/would/could/ may/ might +V1)	Passive Voice (Can/should/would/could/ may/ might +be +V3)
I can eat ten apples	Ten apples can be eaten by me
He would ride a bike	A bike would be ridden by him
They should shoot the traitors dead	The traitors should be shot dead by them

IMPERATIVE

Active Voice (Commands/requests)	Passive Voice (Let + object + be + V3)
Do the homework	Let the homework be done
Help the poor	Let the poor be helped
Open the window	Let the window be opened

YES OR NO TYPE QUESTIONS

Active Voice (Yes or no type questions)	Passive Voice (Helping verb + object . . . ?)
Do you like coffee	Is coffee liked by you?
Did she prepare lunch?	Was lunch prepared by her?
Has she written the exam?	Has the exam been written by her?

WH - TYPE QUESTIONS

Active Voice (Wh-type questions)	Passive Voice (By whom/Wh-question word + helping verb +object?)
Who broke this chair	By whom was this chair broken?
Where did he sell the fruits?	Where were the fruits sold by him?
Why do you drink tea?	Why is tea drunk by you?