

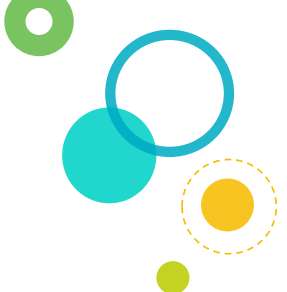
Chapter 6: Active and Passive Voice

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1. Definition of Active voice



The active voice is a style of writing where the subject completes the action of the sentence.



Example:



- Lana makes pancakes every Sunday.



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2. What is Active Voice in Writing?

In the active voice, the subject always “does” the action of the sentence. Chronologically, the subject will come before the verb in the sentence.

Most writing occurs in the active writing voice, as it is generally clearer and more concise.



3. Definition of Passive Voice

The passive voice is used to show interest in the person or object that experiences an action rather than the person or object that performs the action. In other words, the most important thing or person becomes the subject of the sentence.

4. The Passive Voice in The Present Simple Tense

English has two voices: active and passive. The active voice is used when the subject of the sentence does the action. In the example, A is the subject and B is the object.

For example: My mom sings that song.

A

B

The passive voice is used when we focus on the object of the sentence. In the example, B becomes the subject.

For example: That song is sung by my mom.

B

A

5. The Passive Voice in The Present Simple Tense:

We form the passive with be + past participle.

In the present simple, the passive is: am / is / are + past participle.

Examples:

	Active	Passive
Affirmative	Ben walks the dog. They make cookies here.	The dog is walked by Ben. Cookies are made here.
Negative	Ben doesn't walk the cat. They don't make sandwiches here.	The cat isn't walked by Ben. Sandwiches aren't made here (by them).
Question	Does Ben walk the rabbit? How do they make the cookies?	Is the rabbit walked (by Ben)? How are the cookies made ?


6. The Passive Voice in The Past Simple Tense:

Active sentences in the simple past tense have the following structure:
Subject + past tense form of the verb + object

Passive sentences in the simple past tense have the following structure:
Object of the active sentence + was/were + past participle form of the verb + by + subject of the active sentence



Examples:

1. Active: He **loved** his friends very much.
Passive: His friends **were loved** very much by him.
 2. Active: She **did not write** a story.
Passive: A story **was not written** by her.
 3. Active: **Did he break** the window?
Passive: **Was** the window **broken** by him?
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7.Passive Voice in The Future Simple Tense

We make simple future tense forms by putting **will** before the base form (infinitive) of the verb.
I will finish the job tomorrow.

If the sentence in the active voice consists of an object, we can change it into the passive. In the example sentence given above, It has an object (the job). We can convert it into the passive voice.

The job **will be finished** (by me) tomorrow.



Examples:

1. Active: John **will learn** the lesson.
Passive: The lesson **will be learnt** by John.
2. Active: She **will not help** us.
Passive: We **will not be helped** by her.
3. Active: **Will** they **accept** our invitation?
Passive: **Will** our invitation **be accepted** by them?



8. Activity

1. They will tell you when the time comes.
2. She will accept the offer.
3. A thief stole my car.
4. Did you tell them?
5. You wash the car every week.
6. He watches TV in the evening.