

Passive Voice

Grade9( A+B )

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**Objective: To differentiate between active and passive voice .**

**To practise using the passive voice .**

**Use of Passive Voice**

* When you don't know the person who performed the action.  
    
      The bank **was robbed**.
* When it is not important who performed the action.  
    
       Harvard University **was founded** in 1636.
* When the performer is not a specific person.   
    
      English **is spoken** in many countries around the world.
* When you prefer not to mention the name of the performer.  
    
      I **was told** that you didn't go to work today.
* Used with a performer: by + performer  
    
      The cake **was made** by my cousin.

**Note:**  
  
In a passive sentence, If we want to mention what caused or who did the action, we use the agent (by...........)  
  
Active: Charles Dickens writes novels.  
Passive: Novels are written by Charles Dickens.

## Passive Voice Tenses Chart

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| **FORM** | **Object** | **A form of 'Be'** | **Past Participle** |
| [Simple Present Passive](http://www.grammarbank.com/simple-present-passive.html) | The door | Is | closed. |
| [Simple Past Passive](http://www.grammarbank.com/simple-past-passive.html) | Jurassic Park | Was | directed by Steven Spielberg. |
| [Will Future Passive](http://www.grammarbank.com/simple-future-passive.html)  [Going to Future Passive](http://www.grammarbank.com/going-to-future-passive.html) | An English book  A gift | will be  is going to be | given to passing students.  given to the best student. |
| [Present Continuous Passive](http://www.grammarbank.com/present-continuous-passive.html) | The suspect | is being | pursued. |
| [Past Continuous Passive](http://www.grammarbank.com/past-continuous-passive.html) | He | was being | tortured. |
| [Present Perfect Passive](http://www.grammarbank.com/present-perfect-passive.html) | The room | has been | cleaned. |
| [Past Perfect Passive](http://www.grammarbank.com/past-perfect-passive.html) | The window | had been | broken. |
| [Passives With Modals](http://www.grammarbank.com/passives-with-modals.html) | All the rules | must be | obeyed. |

## Forming Simple Present Passive

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| **Affirmative Form** | Object + am / is / are + verb3 (past participle) |
| **Question Form** | Am / Is / Are + Object + verb3 (past participle) ? |

Something is done by someone regularly / everyday / as expected...

Active : The gardener waters the flowers every evening.  
Passive: The flowers are watered by the gardener every evening.  
  
Active : Helen doesn't drink anything in parties.  
Passive: Nothing is drunk by Helen in parties.  
  
Active : Who sells umbrellas?  
Passive: Who are umbrellas sold by?  
  
Active : My mother doesn't paint the walls.  
Passive: The walls aren't painted by my mother.

## Quick Exercise Put the following sentences into passive voice.

Top of Form

1. Many people read this writer's articles.

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1. Jackie milks the cows every morning.

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1. Berg never understands the new teacher.

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1. Everybody loves chocolate.

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1. Kids always eat candies.

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1. The American people elect the members of Congress.

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1. Does the mechanic check the brakes regularly?

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## Forming Simple Past Passive

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| --- | --- |
| **Affirmative Form** | Object + was / were + verb3 (past participle) |
| **Question Form** | Was / Were + Object + verb3 (past participle) ? |

Something was done by someone at sometime in the past.  
  
Active : The teacher corrected the mistakes.  
Passive: The mistakes were corrected by the teacher.  
  
Active : Did the little boy sell all the candy bars?   
Passive: Were all the candy bars sold by the little boy?  
  
Active : Lauren didn't eat any apples.   
Passive: No apples were eaten by Lauran.  
  
Active : He didn't give the wallet.   
Passive: The wallet wasn't given by him.

## Quick Exercise

**Put the following sentences into passive voice. (simple past)**

Top of Form

1. Who wrote this book?

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1. How did they steal her car?

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1. The children rang the bell a few minutes ago.

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1. The kids forgot the whole story in a few days.

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1. Did the president make his speech last night?

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**Forming Simple Future Passive**

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| **Affirmative Form** | Object + will + be + verb3 (past participle) |
| **Question Form** | Will + object + be + verb3 (past participle) |

Something be done by someone in the future.  
  
Active : We will take the horses to the stable.  
Passive: The horses will be taken to the stable.  
  
Active : Will the manager sign the contract tomorrow?  
Passive: Will the contract be signed by the manager tomorrow?  
  
Active : Will the boss give me a job?  
Passive: Will I be given a job by the boss? 

**Quick Exercise**

**Put the following sentences into passive voice. (will future passive)**

Top of Form

1. Will he pick up the kids tomorrow?

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1. The birds will eat those cookies.

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1. My friends will visit him tomorrow.

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1. The coach will throw a party on the weekend.

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1. The next earthquake will destroy the city.

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Bottom of Form

1. The police won’t question him very closely.

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**Forming Going To Future Passive**

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| **Affirmative Form** | Object + am / is / are + going to + be + verb3 (past participle) |
| **Question Form** | Am / is / are + object + going to + be + verb3 (past participle) |

Something is going to be done by someone in the future. (Planned)  
  
Active : Is anybody going to invite me?  
Passive: Am I going to be invited by anybody?  
  
Active : I am going to pay his debts.  
Passive: His debts are going to be paid by me.  
  
Active : The police are going to investigate the case.  
Passive: The case is going to be investigated by the police. 

**Quick Exercise**

**Put the following sentences into passive voice.**

Top of Form

1. Are they going to feed the cats?

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1. Who is going to pay the bill?

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1. The teacher is going to give me a second chance.

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1. Disneyland is going to give us a big discount.

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1. They are going to train me for the job.

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## Forming Present Continuous Passive

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| **Affirmative Form** | Object + am / is / are + being + verb3 |
| **Question Form** | Am / is / are + Object + being + verb3 ? |

Something is being done by someone at the moment.  
  
Active : The postman is delivering the mail.  
Passive: The mail is being delivered by the postman.  
  
Active : Harry Potter is measuring the room.   
Passive: The room is being measured by Harry Potter.  
  
Active : The coach is congratulating the team at the moment.  
Passive: The team is being congratulated by the coach.  
  
Active : Are they opening the gifts now?  
Passive: Are the gifts being opened by them ? (now)

## Quick Exercise

**Put the following sentences into passive voice. (present continuous passive)**

1. The cat is tearing the new book.

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1. Is the agent chasing the criminal?

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1. We are collecting the donations at the moment.

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1. They are washing my car now.

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1. Mr. Barber is handing out the exam papers.

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1. Who is checking the passports?

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1. GPS is calculating the route to your destination.

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## Forming Past Continuous Passive

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| --- | --- |
| **Affirmative Form** | Object + was / were + being + verb3 (past participle) |
| **Question Form** | Was / Were + Object + being + verb3 (past participle) ? |

Something was being done by someone at sometime in the past for a while.  
  
Active : The boy was throwing the stone.  
Passive: The stone was being thrown by the boy.  
  
Active : What was he writing on the desk?   
Passive: What was being written by him on the desk?  
  
Active : Was the suspect dragging you?   
Passive: Were you being dragged by the suspect?  
  
Active : Nobody was watching TV.   
Passive: The TV wasn't being watched (by anybody).

## Forming Present Perfect Passive

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| --- | --- |
| **Affirmative Form** | Object + have / has + been + verb3 (past participle) |
| **Question Form** | Have / has + object + been + verb3 (past participle) |

Something has been done by someone at sometime up to now.  
  
Active : They have cleaned the clinic.  
Passive: The clinic has been cleaned by them.  
  
Active : Thomas has written many books.  
Passive: Many books have been written by Thomas.  
  
Active : Have the police caught the man?  
Passive: Has the man been caught by the police?  
  
Active : UPS has delivered the letters.  
Passive: The letters have been delivered by UPS.  
Quick Exercise

**Put the following sentences into passive voice. (present perfect passive)**  
Has the surgeon performed the operation?

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1. Lionel has signed the contract.

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1. Our salesmen have sold all the carpets.

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1. Zookeepers have captured the lion in the forest.

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1. Dr. Phillips have treated all the patients.

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1. Have the customers paid you?

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1. Everybody has celebrated Joana's birthday.

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## Forming Past Perfect Passive

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Affirmative Form** | Object + had + been + verb3 (past participle) |
| **Question Form** | Had + object + been + verb3 (past participle) ? |

Something had been done by someone before sometime in the past.  
  
Active : The brave men had defended the city.  
Passive: The city had been defended by the brave men.  
  
Active : The little girl had broken the window.  
Passive: The window had been broken by the little girl.  
  
Active : Had Dorothy solved the problems?  
Passive: Had the problems been solved by Dorothy.  
  
Active : Those prisoners had robbed five banks.  
Passive: Five banks had been robbed by those prisoners.

## Quick Exercise

**Put the following sentences into passive voice. (past perfect passive)**

Top of Form

1. Dr. Richard had saved Silvia's life.

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1. The Americans had discovered another planet.

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1. Hospital staff hadn't accepted the injured man.

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1. Jerry had received the check just in time.

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1. Jim had received an anonymous gift.

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1. Who had designed the plan of that villa?

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1. Firefighters had put out the fire successfully.

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## Forming Passives With Modals

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| **Affirmative Form** | Object + may, must, can, could, ought to, should + be + verb3 |
| **Question Form** | Must, may, can, should, might + object + be + verb3 (past participle) |

Something must / can / should... be done by someone at sometime.  
  
Active : Our English teacher may give an exam today.  
Passive: An exam may be given by our English teacher today.  
  
Active : Thomas has written many books.  
Passive: Many books have been written by Thomas.

Active : Do you have to pay the bill before leaving the restaurant?  
Passive: Has the bill to be paid before leaving the restaurant?  
  
Active : Juan can give them some information about the job.  
Passive: Some information can be given about the job by Juan.  
Passive2: They can be given some information about the JOB by Juan.  
  
Active : You must obey the traffic rules.  
Passive: The traffic rules must be obeyed.

## Quick Exercise

**Put the following sentences into passive voice. (Modals)**

Top of Form

1. You may forget the rules quickly.

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1. You should study the lessons repeatedly.

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1. Benjamin must win the competition.

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1. They should cancel the game.

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1. The doctor can't persuade her.

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1. Who should pay the damage?

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