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## PASSIVES

Verbs in any sentence are used either in active or passive voice. In the active voice, the subject and verb relationship is straight forward — the subject is the doer of the action, while in the passive voice, the subject of the sentence is not the doer but the action itself. In simple words the action that is done to the person or thing is ~~the~~ more emphasized. Passive voice expresses an action performed upon the subject.

Eg. Ravi bought a new Cricket kit.  
Passive: A new Cricket kit was bought by Ravi.

It says something about the action which is complete or which is being done.

### Uses of Passives: —

- 1) All the technical & scientific / process writing uses impersonal - passive voice.  
For eg.

Active: We can see small particles of iron & ~~sub~~ Sulphur.

Passive: Small particles of iron & sulphur can be seen. [don't use "by us"]



Eg.

Active: We must observe the solution under the microscope.

Passive: The solution is observed under the microscope.

\* When the 'action' or the 'agent' [doer] is important, it is mentioned in the passive.

For eg. Friction reduces the efficiency of the machines.

Passive: The efficiency of the machines is reduced by friction.

Eg. Computers can perform fast and accurate functions.

Passive: Fast & accurate functions are performed by the computers.

2) We use <sup>impersonal</sup> passive form when the agent is not important or the agent is understood.

For eg. Someone stole my mobile.

Passive: My mobile is stolen.

The thieves cheated the oldman.

Passive: The oldman was cheated.

[someone, we, they, the people, etc. not repeated]

3) We use impersonal passive voice in commands, instructions, rules etc.

Eg. You should not share the data.

No data should be shared.



## Assignment - 4

A) Rewrite the sentences in Passive voice.

- 1) People speak English all over the world.
- 2) Someone has invited me to the party.
- 3) He made a very remarkable discovery.
- 4) They advised the people to wear a mask.
- 5) Accidents kill thousands of people every year.
- 6) Somebody has put out the lamps.
- 7) The people laughed at his warnings.
- 8) Many people consider spoken English a difficult task.
- 9) We shall support their views.
- 10) Manners reveal character.

B) Add suitable Prefixes :-

- 1) -understand      2) -holy      3) -do      4) true
- 5) -natural      6) -social      7) -build

C) Add suitable suffixes :-

- 1) social-      2) help-      3) coward-
- 4) read-      5) popular-      6) length-

Assignment -5

Paragraph Writing:

Life after the Pandemic / COVID-19.

OR

Role of mass media during the Pandemic.