

Active voice

A sentence in active voice focuses on how the subject does an action and interacts with an object.

A sentence in active voice can be in any tense because what is important is the subject

Examples

- Dorian is going to eat chips
- Martha is driving a brand new car
- The guitar player played 7 songs

Activity

Using the information create 2 sentences with different complements. The sentences must be in the tenses at the end.

Karen called her friends yesterday

Karen is calling her friends right now

Jonathan folds his clothes neatly every day

Yesterday, Jonathan was folding his clothes for hours

Stere will cook pasta for dinner tonight

Last night, Stere cooked pasta for his family

The soccer players are going to win the league next season

The soccer players win the league regularly

The children watched cartoons

The children were watching cartoons

Past participle

The past participle is not a tense but a form of a verb on conjugation. This form has two main uses

1. For perfect tenses such as: Past perfect, present perfect, future perfect, etc.

- The police had investigated the house before
- Chris has driven a yellow car.
- John will have eaten.

2. It can be used as adjective

- I was bored in class
- The lamp is broken
- Annie will be surprised when she sees the cake.

Past participle

most common verbs

Been	Seen	Asked	Shown
Had	Come	Needed	Heard
Done	Wanted	Felt	Played
Said	Used	Become	Run
Gone	Found	Left	Moved
Got/Gotten	Given	Put	Lived
Made	Told	Kept	Believed
Known	Worked	Let	Brought
Thought	Called	Began	Happened
Taken	Tried	Helped	Written

Passive voice (present)

Different to active voice, passive voice focuses on the object of a sentence. For the passive voice we have structures which are the following:

- Aff: Object + Verb to be + ^{verb in} past participle + by + Subject
Neg: Object + Verb to be + not + ^{verb in} past participle + by + Subject
~~Object +~~
Int: Verb to be + Object + ^{verb in} past participle + by + subject?

Examples

Active voice	Passive voice
My friend eats a hamburger	A hamburger is eaten by my friend
The boss doesn't call the employee	The employee is not called by the boss
Do Chris and John watch the movie Avengers.	Is the Avengers movie watched by Chris and John

Activity 1

Convert the following Active Voice sentences to passive voice

1. My phone is used by my mom
2. The book Divine Comedy is read by Karen
3. A new car is ^{not} bought by Steve's dad
4. Is piano played by Jason?
5. My room is cleaned by my brother

6. X-box is not played by Charles

7. a lot of songs are sung by Freddie and Brian

8. the printer is used by that girl

9. Tuna is caught by the dogs

10. My backpack is hidden by my friend

Activity 2

You are going to describe your family's daily routine in passive voice. It has to be 70 words long.

The alarm clock is set to wake us at 7:00am by each member of my family, the breakfast is prepared by my mom at the 12:00pm, after that we go to school. In the afternoon, we don't have classes, only make the things which planning. In the evening, my family is the only in the house by the night.

Passive voice (past)

Examples

Active voice

Carlos parked the red car
The kid broke my glasses
The storm destroyed a city

Passive voice

The red car was parked by Carlos
My glasses were broken by the kid
A city was destroyed by the storm

The storm destroyed a city

Host → Andrea

Daniela → 8

Manoel → 10

Alan → 8