**ACTIVE-PASSIVE VOICE**

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Look at the sentence in active voice and how it is converted into passive voice. In **active voice**, we have **Subject** + **verb** + **object**.

In **passive voice**, we have **Object** +**be form of the verb** + **past participle** + **by phrase**.

Example:

John sings a song. (Active voice)

Subject verb Object

A song is sung by John. (Passive voice)

Object be +Past participle by phrase

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|  | **Tense** | **Active voice** | **Passive voice** |
|  | Simple present | John sings a song. | A song is sung by John. |
|  |  | John sings songs. | Songs are sung by John. |
|  | Present continuous | John is singing a song.  John is singing songs. | A song is being sung by John.  Songs are being sung by John. |
|  | Present perfect | John has sung a song.  John has sung songs. | A song has been sung by John.  Song have been sung by John. |
|  | Present perfect Continuous | John has been singing a song. | NA |
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|  | Simple past | John sang a song.  John sang songs. | A song **was sung** by John  Songs **were sung** by John. |
|  | Past continuous | John was singing a song. | A song was being sung by John. |
|  | Past perfect | John had sung a song. | A song had been sung by John. |
|  | Past perfect continuous | John had been singing a song. | NA |
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|  | Simple future | John will sing a song. | A song will be sung by John. |
|  | Future continuous | John will be singing a song. | NA |
|  | Future perfect | John will have sung a song. | A song will have been sung by John. |
|  | Future perfect continuous | John will have been singing a song. | NA |
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|  | can/could/may/might/  will/would/shall/should | John can sing a song.  John will sing a song.  John must see his parents. | A song can be sung by John.  A song will be sung by John.  His parents must be seen by John. |
|  | **Commands** | Shut the door.  Sing a song.  Light the candle. | Let the door be shut.  Let a song be sung.  Let the candle be lit/lighted. |
|  | **Requests** | Please shut the door.  Please sing a song. | You are requested to shut the door.  You are requested to sing a song. |
|  | **Who- questions** | Who shut the door?  Who sang the song?  Who sings this song daily? | By whom was door shut?  By whom was song sung?  By whom is this sung daily? |

**Examples**

1. Who told you this story?

By whom were you told this story?

1. Who tells you this story?

By whom are you told this story?

1. Did you tell them to finish the assignment?

Were they told by you to finish the assignment?

1. Has he informed her about the incident?

Has she been informed by him about the incident?

1. Do you love him still?

Is he still loved by you?

1. Do they still love her?

Is she still loved by them?

1. When did they write the letter?

When was the letter written by them?

1. Will you teach them?

Will they taught by you?

1. Did he break the glass?

Was the glass broken by him?

1. Someone stole my purse.

My purse was stolen.

1. He throws the ball.

The ball is thrown by him.

1. He threw the ball.

The ball was thrown by him.

1. When does he throw the ball?

When is the ball thrown by him?

1. When did he throw the ball?

When was the ball thrown by him?

1. Would they solve the problem?

Would the problem be solved by them?

**Note:**

1. What is the Be form of the verb?

is, am, are, was, were, etc.

1. Past participle—Third form of the verb.
2. throw-threw-thrown
3. see-saw-seen
4. take-took-taken
5. clean-cleaned-cleaned