**Lesson 4: Passive Voice**

1. **Forms**

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| **TENSES** | **ACTIVE VOICE** | **PASSIVE VOICE** |
| **Present Simple** | **Subject + V1 + object**  The teacher **punishes** **me**.  The teacher **punishes** the boy.  The teacher **punishes** the boys. | **Subject (object) + am/is/are + V3…**  **I** **am punished** by the teacher.  The boy **is punished** by the teacher.  The boys **are punished** by the teacher. |
| **Present Progressive / Present Continuous** | **S + am/is/are + V(ing) + object**  The teacher **is punishing** me.  The teacher **is punishing** the boy.  The teacher **is punishing** the boys. | **S + am/is/are + being + V3…**  I **am being punished** by the teacher.  The boy **is being punished** by the teacher.  The boys **are being punished** by the teacher. |
| **Past Simple** | **S + V2 + obj**  The teacher **punished** me.  The teacher **punished** the boys. | **S + was/were + V3…**  I **was punished** by the teacher.  The boys **were punished** by the teacher. |
| **Past Progressive / Past Continuous** | **S + was/were + V(ing) + obj**  The teacher **was punishing** me.  The teacher **was punishing** the boys. | **S + was/were + being + V3…**  I **was being punished** by the teacher.  The boys **were being punished** by the teacher. |
| **Present Perfect** | **S + have/has + V3 + obj**  The teacher **has punished** me.  The teacher **has punished** the boy. | **S + have/has + been + V3…**  I **have been punished** by the teacher.  The boy **has been punished** by the teacher. |
| **Past Perfect** | **S + had + V3 + obj**  The teacher **had punished** me.  The teacher **had punished** the boys. | **S + had + been + V3…**  I **had been punished** by the teacher.  The boys **had been punished** by the teacher. |
| **Future Simple** | **S + will + V (base form) + obj**  The teacher **will punish** me.  The teacher **will punish** the boys. | **S + will + be + V3…**  I **will be punished** by the teacher.  The boys **will be punished** by the teacher. |
| **be going to / Future** | **S + am/is/are + going to + V (base form) + obj**  The teacher **is going to** **punish** me.  The teacher **is going to punish** the boys. | **S + am/is/are + going to + be + V3…**  I **am going to be punished** by the teacher.  The boys **are going to be punished** by the teacher. |

1. **Use**

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| **Active** | **Passive** |
| We use *Active Voice* when the performer of the action or the agent comes first and is made the subject of the verb, and then we use the active form of the verb. The other person or thing is made the object of the verb.  *Examples:*   * The boss invited her to the party. * The construction company employs three hundred people. | The *Passive Voice* is used when we want to focus attention on the person or thing that is affected by the action.  *Examples:*   * She was invited to the party by the boss. * Three hundred people are employed by the construction company. |
| **Note:** **only *transitive verbs* (need object) can have passive forms**.  *Intransitive verbs*: cry, die, arrive, disappear, wait, and many other verbs cannot be used in the **passive voice**. They have no objects, so there is nothing to become the subject of a **passive sentence**. | |

**Exercise practice**

**Instruction 1:** *Change from active sentences to passive sentences.*

1. People invent new things all the time.

1. Does she wear school uniforms in school?

1. He is keeping his money in a safe place.

1. Is she buying clothes?

1. They didn’t close the shops on Saturday.

1. Did she notice you?

1. They were playing the piano.

1. Was he looking at you?

1. They have not read the book.

1. Have they won the competition?

1. I had not opened the present.

1. Had the customer paid you?

1. He won’t change his mind.

1. Will you wash the car?

1. They are going to persuade her.

1. Are you going to visit the exhibition?

**Instruction 2:** *Change from Passive to Active.*

1. The fish is eaten by him.

1. Is the hungry boy given food by them?

1. The thief is being caught by three police.

1. Are you being called by him?

1. The purse wasn’t stolen by the girl.

1. Was he fired from his job by his boss?

1. The dogs were being fed by Mike.

1. Were the clothes being designed by her?

1. Their new albums have not been released by the company yet.

1. Has the news been read by you?

1. The bill had not been paid by them.

1. Had you been phoned by her?

1. The window won’t be opened by him.

1. Will the door be locked by Jenny?

1. Master degree isn’t going to be pursued by them.

1. Are the books going to be published by the author?

**Instruction 3:** *Decide whether the sentences below are Active or Passive by choosing the correct verb form.*

1. Barbara James very well.

A. knows B. is known

1. The jewels   in the cellar.

A. had not hidden B. had not been hidden

1. this idea ?

A. Will / be accepted B. Will / accept

1. We   all day on the beach.

A. were being spent B. were spending

1. Computers in many stores.

A. are sold  B. sell

1. Jane  to school by her father.

A. was not taken  B. took

1. she in Boston?

A. Is / going to study B. Is / going to be studied

1. We to live abroad.

A. were sent B. sent

1. They  their granny.

A. will be visited B. will visit

1. We  by our teacher.

A. are going to be visited B. are going to visit

1. these shoes in Cambodia?

A. Do / design B. Are / designed

1. Milk  in the refrigerator.

A. is keeping B. is being kept

1. Sinsisamut’s songs?

A. Did he sing B. Was he sung

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the cat \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the milk?

A. Is / going to be drunk B. Is / going to drink

1. She  for a bank.

A. hasn’t worked B. hasn’t been worked