



Active and Passive Voice-I

Active voice: In active sentences, the subject is active or the subject performs the actions.

For example

*The cow (**Subject**) is eating (**Verb**) grass (**Object**).—Active Voice*

Passive voice: In passive sentences, the subject is no longer active or the subject is acted upon by the verb

For example

*Grass (**Subject**) is being eaten (**Verb**) by the cow (**Object**).—Passive Voice*

Active and passive voice with tenses

Simple Present Tense

is,am,are+3rd verb

| Active Voice | Passive Voice |
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| He lights the candle. | The candle is lighted by him. |
| He does not light the candle. | The candle is not lighted by him. |
| Do you eat meat? | Is meat eaten by you? |

Present Continuous Tense

is,am,are+being+3rd verb

| Active Voice | Passive Voice |
|--------------------------------|--|
| I am driving a car. | A car is being driven by me. |
| I am not driving a car. | A car is not being driven by me. |
| Am I driving a car? | Is a car being driven by me? |

Present Perfect Tense

has,have+been+3rd verb

| Active Voice | Passive Voice |
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| She has stolen my book. | My book has been stolen by her. |
| She has not stolen my book. | My book has not been stolen by her. |
| Has she stolen my book? | Has my book been stolen by her? |

Simple Past Tense

was,were+3rd verb

| Active Voice | Passive Voice |
|------------------------------------|---|
| She finished work. | Work was finished by her. |
| She did not finish work. | Work was not finished by her. |
| Did she finish work? | Was work finished by her? |

Past Continuous Tense

was,were+being+3rd verb

| Active Voice | Passive Voice |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| He was revising his books. | His books were being revised by him. |
| He was not revising his books. | His books were not being revised by him. |
| Was he revising his books? | Were his books being revised by him? |

Past Perfect Tense

had+been+3rd verb

| Active Voice | Passive Voice |
|---|--|
| I had completed the assignment. | The assignment had been completed by me. |
| I had not completed the assignment. | The assignment had not been completed by me. |
| Had I completed the assignment? | Had the assignment been completed by me? |

Simple Future Tense

will,shall+be+3rd verb

| Active Voice | Passive Voice |
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| My uncle will pay my tuition fee. | My tuition fee will be paid by my uncle. |
| My uncle will not pay my tuition fee. | My tuition fee will not be paid by my uncle. |
| Will my uncle pay my tuition fee? | Will my tuition fee be paid by my uncle? |

Future Perfect Tense



| will, shall+ have been+3 rd verb | |
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| Active Voice | Passive Voice |
| We shall have done our home-work. | Our home -work shall have been done by us. |
| We shall not have done our home-work. | Our home -work shall not have been done by us. |
| Shall We have done our home -work? | Shall our home -work have been done by us? |

Active and passive voice with modals

| Modals | Auxiliary Verb in Passive Voice | Active Voice | Passive Voice |
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| Can/ Could | Can/Could+ be+ 3 rd verb | I can solve these sums. | These sums can be solved by me. |
| | | I cannot solve these sums. | These sums cannot be solved by me. |
| | | Can I solve these sums? | Can these sums be solved by me? |
| Has to/ Have to | Has to/ Have to+3 rd verb | He has to complete his assignment. | His assignment has to be completed by him? |
| Must | Must+3 rd verb | You must learn this book. | This book must be learnt by you. |
| May | may+be+3 rd verb | I may buy the book. | The book may be bought by me. |
| Might | might+ be+ 3 rd Verb | They might play chess. | Chess might be played by them. |
| Should | should+ be+3 rd verb | Students should learn all lessons. | All lessons should be learnt by students. |

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