**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.

All the time people invent things.

1. Does she wear school uniforms in school?

Does she is wear school uniforms in school?

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

In a safe place is being kept his money by her.

1. Is she buying clothes?

Are clothes being bought by her?

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

On Saturday they didn’t close the shops.

1. Did she notice you?

Did you notice her?

1. They were playing the piano.

The piano was being played by them.

1. Was he looking at you?

You were being looked at by her.

1. They have not read the book.

The book has not been read by them.

1. Have they won the competition?

The competition has been owned by them.

1. I had not opened the present.

The present had been not opened by me.

1. Had the customer paid you?
2. He won’t change his mind.

He won’t be changed by him.

1. Will you wash the car?

The car will be washed by you?

1. They are going to persuade her.

She is going to be persuaded by they.

1. Are you going to visit the exhibition?

Is the exhibition going to be visited by you?

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

1. The fish is eaten by him.

He is eating the fish.

1. Is the hungry boy given food by them?

Are they the hungry boys given food?

1. The thief is being caught by three police.

Three police caught by the thief.

1. Are you being called by him?

Is he called you?

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

The girl hadn’t stolen the purse.

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

Was his boss fired from his job here?

1. The dogs were being fed by Mike.

Mike was fed the dogs.

1. Were the clothes being designed by her?

Was he designing the clothes?

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

The company has yet they new albums have not released.

1. Has the news been read by you?

You have read the news?

1. The bill had not been paid by them.

They had not paid the bill.

1. Had you been phoned by her?

He had you phoned you?

1. The window won’t be opened by him.

He won’t open the window.

1. Will the door be locked by Jenny?

Will Jenny lock the door?

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

They aren’t going to pursue a Master's.

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

Is the author going to publish the books?

**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