**Lesson 4: Passive Voice**

1. **Forms**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **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**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **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.

* New thing are invented by poeple all the time.

1. Does she wear school uniforms in school?

* Are school uniforms worn by her in school?

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

* A safa place is being kept his money by him.

1. Is she buying clothes?

* Is she being bougth clothes?

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

* The shops were not closed by them on Saturday.

1. Did she notice you?

* Was she noticed you?

1. They were playing the piano.

* The piano was being played by them.

1. Was he looking at you?

* Was you being looked and by him?

1. They have not read the book.

* The book has not been read by they.

1. Have they won the competition?

* Have they been won the competition?

1. I had not opened the present.

* The present had not been opened by me.

1. Had the customer paid you?

* Had you been paid the customers?

1. He won’t change his mind.

* His mind will not be changed by him.

1. Will you wash the car?

* Will the car be washed by you?

1. They are going to persuade her.

* She is going to be persuaded by them.

1. Are you going to visit the exhibition?

Is the exhibition going to visit by him?

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

1. The fish is eaten by him.

* He eats the fish.

1. Is the hungry boy given food by them?

* Are they give food to the hungry boy?

1. The thief is being caught by three police.

* Three polices are catching the thief.

1. Are you being called by him?

* Is he calling you?

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

* The girl didn’t steal the purse.

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

* Did his boss fire from his job?

1. The dogs were being fed by Mike.

* Mike was feeding the dogs.

1. Were the clothes being designed by her?

* Was she designing clothes?

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

* The company has not released its new albums .

1. Has the news been read by you?

* Have you 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?

* Had she phoned you?

1. The window won’t be opened by him.

* He will not 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 are not going to pursue a master’s degree.

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

* Are the authors going to publish the books?

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

1. Barbara knows James very well.

A. knows B. is known

1. The jewels had not been hidden in the cellar.

A. had not hidden B. had not been hidden

1. Will this idea be accepted ?

A. Will / be accepted B. Will / accept

1. We were spending all day on the beach.

A. we’re being spent B. we’re spending

1. Computers are sold in many stores.

A. are sold  B. sell

1. Jane was not taken to school by her father.

A. was not taken  B. took

1. Is she going to study in Boston?

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

1. We were sent to live abroad.

A. were sent B. sent

1. They will visit their granny.

A. will be visited B. will visit

1. We are going to be visited by our teacher.

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

1. Are these shoes designed in Cambodia?

A. Do / design B. Are / designed

1. Milk is being kept in the refrigerator.

A. is keeping B. is being kept

1. Did he sing Sinsisamut’s songs?

A. Did he sing B. Was he sung

1. Is the cat going to drink the milk?

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

1. She hasn’t worked for a bank.

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