

PASSIVATION

Passivisation is the transformation of Active Voice form to passive voice form.

Voice is that form of verb which shows whether the subject does the activity or has the activity been done to the subject.

Kinds of Voice

There are two kinds of voice

1. **Active Voice** A verb is said to be in the active voice when its form shows that the person or thing denoted as the subject does the activity.

e.g. The peon opened the gate.

2. **Passive Voice** A verb is said to be in the passive voice when its form shows that the activity is done to the person or thing denoted as the subject.

e.g. The gate was opened by the peon.

Conversion of Active into Passive Voice

- Use the subject of the Active Voice as the object and the object of the Active Voice as the subject.
- Always use the third form of the verb in the passive voice.
- Put preposition 'by' after the third form of the verb.
- Helping verbs in the passive voice :
 - ♦ Present Indefinite Tense— is/am/are
 - ♦ Present Continuous Tense— is/am/ are+ being
 - ♦ Present Perfect Tense— has/have +been
 - ♦ Past Indefinite Tense— was/were
 - ♦ Past Continuous Tense— was/were +being
 - ♦ Past Perfect Tense— had +been

Active and Passive voices are integral part of written as well as spoken English. A Sentence can be described in two ways either in active voice or in passive voice.

- Future Indefinite Tense—will/shall + be
- Future Perfect Tense—will/shall + have been
- Change the subject of the Active Voice into the object of the pronoun. *e.g.*

I	me
We	us
You	you
They	them
He	him
She	her
Who	by whom

Note The passive form of the Future Continuous Tense and Perfect Continuous Tenses is not used.

More to Remember about the Change of Voice

1. Verbs with Two Objects

Such sentences can be converted into the passive voice in two ways.

e.g. She gave them a book. (*Active Voice*)

A book was given to them by her. (*Passive Voice*)
or

They were given a book by her.

2. Verbs with Modal Auxiliaries

Transform the sentences with Modals into the Passive Voice in the following way :

Modal auxiliary + be + V_{III}

e.g. He may defeat you. (*Active Voice*)

You may be defeated by him.

(*Passive Voice*)

3. Interrogative sentences (Question word)

Convert these sentences into passive voice in the following way :

Given question word + the relevant helping verb + V_{III}

e.g. Why are you doing this? (*Active Voice*)

Why is this being done by you?

(*Passive Voice*)

4. Imperative sentences

Imperative sentences can be converted into passive voice in following ways :

(a) Let + subject + be + V_{III}

e.g. Bring a glass of water. (*Active Voice*)

Let a glass of water be brought.

(*Passive Voice*)

(b) Subject + should + be + V_{III}

e.g. Help the poor. (*Active Voice*)

The poor should be helped.

(*Passive Voice*)

(c) If the imperative sentence has the word 'Kindly/Please', start the passive form with 'You are requested to.'

e.g. (i) Please sit down. (*Active Voice*)

You are requested to sit down. (*Passive Voice*)

(ii) Kindly remit my fine. (*Active Voice*)

You are requested to remit my fine.

(*Passive Voice*)

PRACTICE EXERCISE

Directions (Q.Nos 1-5) Choose the most suitable option in the following sentences.

1. Passive voice of the sentence

"She offered them a seat" is

- They are offered a seat by she.
- They are offered a seat by her.
- A seat is offered to them by her.
- A seat was offered to them by her.

2. Passive voice of the sentence

"Thomas feeds the dog" is

- The dog was fed by him.
- The dog is fed by him.
- The dog was fed by Thomas.
- The dog is fed by Thomas.

3. Active voice of the sentence “Some advice will be given to you by the doctor.”
- (a) The Doctor will give you some advice.
(b) Doctor shall give you some advice.
(c) Doctor has to give you some advice.
(d) Doctor had to given by some advice.

4. Passive voice of the sentence
"They were calling us".
(a) I was called by them.
(b) We are called by them.
(c) We were being called by them.
(d) We had to be called by them.

5. Active voice of the sentence
"Water could be thrown by her".
- (a) She can throw water.
 - (b) She could throw water.
 - (c) She will throw water.
 - (d) She throws water.

Directions (Q. Nos 6-10) *Fill in the blanks with suitable option.*

6. The book is being by me.
(a) read
(b) reading
(c) reads
(d) do read
7. Lucky draw be won by him.
(a) shall
(b) will
(c) shall have
(d) will have
8. A stone being thrown by him yesterday.
(a) was
(b) is
(c) has
(d) were

9. The match has abandoned due to rain.
(a) be (b) been
(c) being (d) None of these
10. The mango is eaten by the boys.
(a) be (b) been
(c) being (d) None of these

Directions (Q. Nos 11-15) Choose the correct option of the following questions.

11. Julie answered the questions. (Active)
The questions answered by Julie. (Passive)
- (a) are (b) have been
(c) were (d) None of these

- 12.** The gardener has planted some trees. (Active)
Some trees planted by the gardener. (Passive)
- (a) are (b) have been
(c) had been (d) were

13. Some one is repairing the instrument. (Active)
The instrument repaired. (Passive)
(a) is being (b) was being
(c) has been (d) was

- 14.** I love apples. (Active)
Apples loved by me. (Passive)
(a) is (b) are
(c) were (d) have been

15. The team had won the game. (Active)
The game won by the team. (Passive)
(a) had been (b) has been
(c) was (d) None of these

Answers

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