The karmaṇi prayoga (कर्मणि प्रयोगः) is a mode of PASSIVE CONSTRUCTION, in contrast to ACTIVE CONSTRUCTION (kartari prayoga - कर्तरि प्रयोगः) whereby the verb agrees with the object of action (placed in first case), and the agent is placed in the instrumental (third case).

## important exceptions:

1. root-final -i (-इ) or -u (-3) gets lengthened:

ex: जि - ji ("win") -> जीयते - jīyate "it is won"

स्तु - stu ("praise")-> स्तूयते - stūyate "it is praised"

2. root-final -ā (-आ) often becomes -ī (-ई):

**ex: दा** - dā ("give") -> **दीयते -** dīyate "it is given"

**पा** - pā ("drink") -> **पीयते** - pīyate "it is drunk"

BUT: ज्ञा - jñā ("know") -> ज्ञायते - jñāyate "it is known"

3. root-final -r (-家) becomes -ri (-农)

**ex:** कृ - kṛ ("do, make") -> क्रियते - kriyate "it is done"

स्मृ - smṛ ("remember") -> स्प्रियते - smriyate "it is remembered"

SAMPRASĀRAŅA (संप्रसारणम्): some roots

beginning with ya- (य-) or va- (व-) undergo

"semivowel reduction": [ya- -> i-, va- -> u-]

ex: वच् - vac ("say") -> उच्यते - ucyate "it is said"

वस् - vas ("dwell") -> उष्यते - uşyate "it is lived in"

यज् - yaj ("sacrifice") -> इज्यते - ijyate "it is sacrificed"

अश्वः गजान् पश्यति । aśvah gajān paśyati.

"The **horse sees** the (3+) elephants."

(कर्तरि प्रयोगः - kartari prayoga)

the horse (1)

aśvah

the (3+) elephants (2)

गजान

gajān

sees (lat,3s)

दृश्यन्त

पश्यति

paśyati

हश् dṛś/see

PASSIVE construction (कर्मणि प्रयोगः - karmaṇi prayoga)

## BHĀVE PRAYOGA (भावे

**ACTIVE** construction

प्रयोगः): "INTRANSITIVE PASSIVE" - applied to (intransitive) verbs that take no direct object; nothing is placed in nominative case, and a generic "it" [tat (तत्)] is considered the subject.

गजाः gajāḥ

the (3+) elephants (1)

अश्वेन aśvena

by the horse (2)

asvena

are seen (kp lat,3p)

दृश्यन्ते

दृश्यध्वे

verb **root** (**धातुः** - dhātu)

गजाः अश्वेन दृश्यन्ते। gajāḥ aśvena dṛṣyante.

"The (3+) elephants are seen by the horse."

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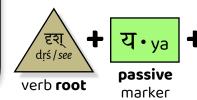
general rule:

ROOT +

य- (ya-) +

endings

**ĀTMANEPADA** 



-ते -एते -अन्ते -से -एथे -ध्वे -ए -आवहे-आमहे

ātmanepada

endings

**=** हश्यसे हश्येथे हश्याव

passive construction

दृश्यावहे दृश्यामहे

दृश्यते दृश्येते