

Chapter -24 Active and Passive Voice

Class Grammar.

Read the following sentences.

The carpenter makes a table.

A table is made by the carpenter.

These sentences contain the same message. However, in the first sentence the carpenter gets more importance and in the second, the table is in focus.

The first sentence, where the doer of the action (the carpenter) gets more importance, is in the active voice.

The second sentence, where the thing to which the action is done or the receiver of the action (a table) gets more importance , is in the passive voice.

In a passive voice sentence the verb has in third form always.

Structure of sentence in passive voice _S+H.V.+V3+OBJ.

Now According to tenses.Examples

Tense Name.

1.Simple Present tense.

Active voice.

Leela waters the plants everyday.

Passive voice.

The plants are watered by Leela everyday.

2.Present continuous tense.

Active voice.

Shantu is painting the wall.

Passive voice.

The wall is being painted by Shantu.

3.Present perfect tens.

Active voice.

Asim has finished the homework.

Passive voice.

The homework has been finished by Asim.

4. Present perfect continuous tense no Passive.

1. Past simple tense.

Active voice.

Salim planted ten trees yesterday.

Passive voice.

Ten trees were planted by Salim yesterday.

2. Past continuous tense.

Active voice.

Peter was driving the car.

Passive voice.

The car was being driven by Peter.

3. Past perfect tense.

Active voice.

Sita had written a novel when she was young.

Passive voice.

A novel had been written by Sita when she was young.

4. past perfect continuous tense has no passive.

1. Future simple.

Active voice.

Nidhi will call training Rashid next week.

Passive voice.

You will be called by Nidhi tomorrow.

2. Future continuous tense has no passive.

3. Future perfect tense.

Active voice.

Sonam will have eaten five mangoes by the time her mother comes.

Passive voice.

Five mangoes will have been eaten by Sonam by the time her mother comes.

4. Future perfect continuous tense has no passive.

Exercise 1. Write whether the following sentences are in the active or the passive voice.

1. Two cups were broken by Sunil yesterday. Passive Voice.

2. He is very naughty. Active voice.

3. The cups broke when the ball hit them. Active voice.

4. Sunil was scolded by everyone. Passive voice.

5. When was this fort built? Passive voice.

6. Sugar is added to the mix after it boils. Passive voice.

7. We have not receive your letter. Active voice.

8.9.10. are your homework.

Exercise 2. Change the following sentences into the passive voice.

1. You can turn on this machine by pressing this button.

Passive- This machine can be turned on by pressing this button.

2. Reena is cooking dinner for the kids.

Passive- Dinner for the kids is being cooked by Reena.

3. Mr. Dube wrote this book.

Passive_ This book was written by Mr Dube.

4. Uncle Sudarshan told the children a story.

Passive _ The children were told a story by Uncle Sudarshan.

5. The investigators finally caught the murderer.

Passive _ The murderer was caught by the investigators.

Remaining 6,7,8,9,10 are your homework.