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Unit I

Topic - voice

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voice





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What is Active Voice?

- A sentence in active voice has doer of the action, in starting
- Doer plays prominent role and object remains dormant
- Ex: Harry draws a picture.
Bella baked two cakes today.



The Passive Voice

A passive sentence consist of;

- ✓ The subject
- ✓ The verb to be in the correct tense.
- ✓ The past participle of the verb needed.
- ✓ Sometimes, the agent and/or other complements

Subject + verb + "to be" + Past participle

- The novel **was read** by Mom in one day.
- This film **wasn't liked** by no one.
- The windows **had been broken**.

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Active voice to Passive Voice

ACTIVE VOICE and PASSIVE VOICE

The **active voice** of a verb tells us that someone (or something) does the action in a sentence.

James watered the flowers.



The **passive voice** of a verb tells us that someone (or something) has an action done to them.

The flowers were watered by James.

Sarah finished the homework.



The homework was finished by Sarah.

The puppy chewed the shoe.



The shoe was chewed by the puppy.



Can you change this sentence so the verb is in the passive voice?

The horse ate the carrot.

Can you change this sentence so the verb is in the active voice?

The book was written by Sam.

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Active Voice



ACTIVE VS PASSIVE

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TENSE	ACTIVE	PASSIVE
Present Simple	They speak German in Austria.	German is spoken in Austria.
Present Continuous	They are planting some trees.	Some trees are being planted .
Present Perfect	Someone has eaten my muffin.	My muffin has been eaten .
Past Simple	They closed the road for a day.	The road was closed for a day.
Past Continuous	He was not feeding his dogs.	His dogs were not being fed .
Past Perfect	Someone had put out the fire before the fire brigade arrived.	The fire had been put out before the fire brigade arrived.
Future Simple	They will fine you for littering.	You will be fined for littering.
Future with 'be going to'	They are going to raise taxes.	Taxes are going to be raised .
Modal verbs	You can solve the problem.	The problem can be solved .



Assessment 1

Name the Verbs in the following sentences, and whether they are in the Active or in the Passive Voice

1. The boy was bitten by a dog.
2. He is loved by all.
3. The sudden noise frightened the horse.
4. The thief was caught.
5. The cat killed the mouse.



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