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P.7 WEEK ONE WORK

Grammar

ACTIVE AND PASSIVE VOICE Lesson one

<u>Voice</u> means the form of the verb that shows whether the subject of a sentence performs the action(**active voice**) or is affected by it.(passive voice)

If we want to emphasize the doer of the action, we use the active voice to make the doer of the action become a subject.

The passive voice is used to stress the thing done than the doer of it ,or when the doer is unknown.

Tense	active voice	passive
voice		
Present simple tense.	drink/drinks.	is /are drunk
Present continuous tense. drinking	is/are drinking.	is /are being
Past simple tense.	drank	was/were
drunk	urarin	was/weie
Past continuous tense. drunk	was/were drinking.	was/were being
Present perfect tense. drunk	has/have drunk.	has/have been
Present perfect continuous been being drunk	tense has/have been drinking.	has/have

Past perfect tense. had drunk. had been

drunk

Future simple tense. will drink. Will be drunk

Human agents in passive voice

Human agents are known as the doer of the action in the active voice. They are in two classes.

- a) The definite human agents
- b) The indefinite human agents

The definite human agents

These are the known doers of the action. We usually mention them back in the passive voice.

Examples are

The girl, Paul, His uncle, My mother, a dog, a boy I etc.

The indefinite human agents

These are the doers of the action that are not known in the a active voice. We usually leave them in the passive voice.

Examples are:

people, some one, something, he ,they, am she ,it . etc

Order to be used in the passive voice.

Object + purpose + helping verb + action verb + by + subject + an adverb

Lesson two

CHANGING SENTENCES IM THE PRESENT SIMPLE TENSE TO PASSIVE VOICE.

The helping verbs used here are; is/are + participle verb.

Examples

1. Active: Bob drinks wine every day.

Passive: Wine is drunk by Bob everyday

2.ActivShe buys brooms for sweeping the compound from the market every Tuesday.

passive: Brooms for sweeping the compound are bought from the market every Tuesday.

Exercise

Change the following sentences to passive voice.

- 1. The boys eat oranges in class every morning.
- 2. Something hits me on the eye every day.
- 3. The baby wears pumpers every time.
- 4. He takes books to the library after every English lesson.
- 5. John waters crops every dry season.
- 6. They choose nice dresses in the market every Wednesday.
- Women breastfeed babies after birth.
- 8. We ride bicycles to town every morning.

Lesson three

CHANGING SENTENCES IN THE PRESENT CONTINUOUS TENSE TO PASSIVE VOICE.

Here the helping verbs that shall be used in the passive voice are: is / are + being + participle verb.

Examples

1.active: Some people are drawing water from the well now.

passive: Water is being drawn from the well now.

2.active: Angella is washing plates in the dining hall.

passive: Plates are being washed by Angella in the dining hall .

Exercise

- 1. The farmer is digging the pit for the rabbits.
- 2. Mathew is writing a letter to his penpal.
- 3. Boys are playing football in the field now.
- 4. Bees are stinging the goats in the pen.
- 5. People are destroying the environment.
- 6. She is taking the baby to its mother now.

- 7. Gilbert is lending money to the cobbler.
- 8. Someone is feeding cattle in the kraal now.

Lesson four.

CHANGING SENTENCES IN THE PAST SIMPLE TENSE TO PASSIVE VOICE

The helping verbs used here are:

was/were + the participle verb.

Examples.

Active: Joy cleaned the toiled yesterday.

Passive: The toilet was cleaned by Joy yesterday. **Active:** Something ate my apples on the sides. **Passive:** My apples were eaten on the sides.

Exercise

- 1. Teddy sang a nice song at the party last week.
- 2. He kicked the ball.
- 3. Abigaba wrote along story for his mother yesterday.
- 3. She bought a nice sweater in the market last Friday.
- 4. Bob tore all the blouses in the suitcase.
- 5. Children spoke correct English in the spelling bee competition last year.
- 6. The snake bit our goat on the head.
- 7. People in America wove nice baskets.
- 8. Sultan forgave George in public.
- 9. Something burst all the balloons in the party.
- 10. She stuck the chart with glue on the wall.