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English – Level1

Lesson 03

Active and Passive Voice -1-

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Objectives of the Lesson:

1. To make students aware of the use of the active and passive voice.
2. To enable students to construct sentences using the active and passive voice.

1. Definition

Voice is a grammatical feature that refers to the way the verb is articulated or written in relation to the subject in a given sentence. There are two major types of voice, namely active voice and passive voice.

A. Active Voice

When a sentence is written in the **active voice**, the subject performs the action expressed by the verb.

➤ The structure of active voice: Subject + Verb+ Object.

e.g. I write the lesson - a thief stole my money.

B. Passive Voice

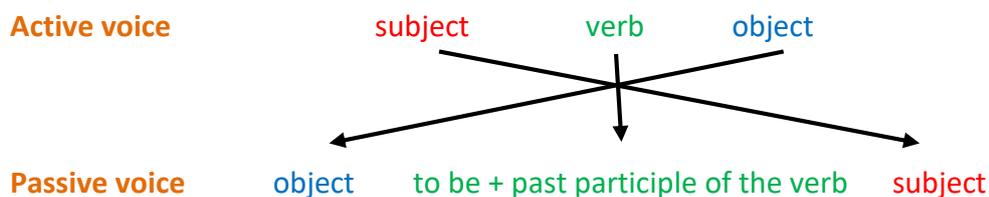
A sentence is written in **the passive form** when the subject receives the action.

➤ The structure of passive voice: Object + Verb + by + Subject.

e.g. The lesson is written by me – My money was stolen.

Note: The subject can be deleted like in the last example.

2. How to Move from Active to Passive Voice



The verb to be should be conjugated in the tense of the verb in the active voice.

Time to Practice

Change these active sentences to the passive.

1. Sam will tell you later.

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2. The wolf ate the princess.

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3. He wrote three books.

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4. My grandfather built this house.

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5. I prepared chocolate cake.

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