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English – Level1

Lesson 04

Active and Passive Voice -2-

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Lettres et Langues	-Langues Etrangère	Licence 1	Français.
Sciences et Technologie	-Sciences Techniques.	Licence 1	-ST.
Sciences Economique	-Sciences Economique. -Sciences Commerciales. -Sciences de la Gestion.	Licence 1	Toutes les spécialités.

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 active and passive voice.

1. Forming Passive Voice with Modals

When the sentence in the active voice consists a modal verb, the passive voice form should be as follows:

Object + modal + be + past participle of the verb.

Note: the most common models are **can- may- might- could- should- would- will- must**

Examples:

-The girl **can play** piano.

➤ Piano **can be played** by the girl.

-She **could do** the homework easily.

➤ The homework **could be done** easily.

-You **may need** a hand.

➤ A hand **may be needed**.

2. The Past Participle

- **Regular verbs: stem (verb without to) + ed**

e.g. to play → played

to work → worked

to change → changed

- **Irregular verbs: there is no specific rule.**

e.g. to do → done

to buy → bought

Time for Practice:

Put the following sentences into the passive voice. (Modals).

1. They need to repair the car.

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2. You should answer the easy questions first.

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3. James might cook dinner.

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4. You must give students enough time to finish.

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5. You can prepare this dish the night before.

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6. She may need a help.

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