

## **Course N-09**

### **9. Active and Passive Voice Rules for All Tenses**

Here, we are listing out the Active and Passive Voice Rules for all tenses. You will come to know how an auxiliary verb is used to change a sentence from Active to Passive voice.

#### **9.1. Active and Passive Voice Rules for Present Simple Tense**

Here in this table, we are elaborating Rules of Active and Passive Voice with examples for Present Simple.

<b>Active Voice</b>	<b>Passive Voice (Auxiliary Verb – is/am/are)</b>
Subject + V1+s/es+ object	Object+ is/am/are+ V3+ by + subject
Subject + Do/does+ not + V1 + Object	Object + is/am/are+ not + V3+ by Subject

#### **Active and Passive Voice Example with Answers of Present Simple Tense**

**Active:** He reads a novel.

**Passive:** A novel is read.

**Active:** He does not cook food.

**Passive:** Food is not cooked by him.

#### **9.2. Active and Passive Voice Rules for Present Continuous Tense**

<b>Active Voice</b>	<b>Passive Voice (Auxiliary Verb- is/am/are + being)</b>
Subject + is/am/are+ v1+ ing + object	Object+ is/am/are+ being+ V3+ by + subject
Subject + is/am/are+ not+ v1+ ing+ object	Object + is/am/are+ not + being+V3+ by Subject

#### **Active and Passive Voice Exercises of Present Continuous Tense**

**Active:** Esha is singing a song.

**Passive:** A song is being sung by Esha.

**Active:** Kritika is not chopping vegetables.

**Passive:** Vegetables are not being chopped by Kritika.

### 9.3. Active and Passive Voice Rules for Present Perfect Tense

You can understand passive voice for present perfect tense from the list which are given below.

<b>Active Voice</b>	<b>Passive Voice (Auxiliary Verb- has/have +been)</b>
Subject + has/have+ v3+ object	Object+ has/have+ been+ V3+ by + subject
Subject + has/have+ not+ v3+ object	Object + has/have+ not + been+V3+ by Subject

#### **Active and Passive Voice Example with Answers of Present Perfect Tense**

**Active:** Nitesh has challenged her.

**Passive:** She has been challenged by Nitesh.

**Active:** Radhika has not written an article.

**Passive:** An article has not been written by Radhika.

### 9.4. Active and Passive Voice Rules for Past Simple Tense

Here in the below table, you can check Active and Passive Voice Rules for past simple tense.

<b>Active Voice</b>	<b>Passive Voice (Auxiliary Verb- was/were)</b>
Subject + V2+ object	Object+ was/were V3+ by + subject
Subject +did+ not+v1+ object	Object + was/were+ not +V3+ by Subject

#### **Active and Passive Voice Exercises of Past Simple Tense**

**Active:** Reema cleaned the floor.

**Passive:** The floor was cleaned by Reema.

**Active:** Aisha bought a bicycle.

**Passive:** A bicycle was bought by Aisha.

## 9.5. Active and Passive Voice Rules for Past Continuous Tense

We can easily convert sentences from Active to Passive Voice according to given rules below.

<b>Active Voice</b>	<b>Passive Voice (Auxiliary Verb- was/were + being)</b>
Subject + was/were + v1+ing+ object.	Object+ was/were +being+V3+ by + subject
Subject +was/were+ not+v1+ing + object	Object + was/were+ not +being+V3+ by Subject

### **Active and Passive Voice Examples with Answers of Past Continuous Tense**

**Active:** Nitika was painting the wall.

**Passive:** The wall was being painted by Nitika.

**Active:** Manish was repairing the car.

**Passive:** The car was being repaired by Manish.

## 9.6. Active and Passive Voice Rules for Past Perfect Tense

There are certain Active and Passive Voice Rules for Past perfect tense, with these only you can convert any sentence in Passive Voice.

<b>Active Voice</b>	<b>Passive Voice (Auxiliary Verb- had +been)</b>
Subject + had + v3+ object.	Object+ had+been +V3+ by + subject
Subject +had+ not+v3+ object	Object + had+ not +been+V3+ by Subject

### **Active and Passive Voice Exercises of Past Perfect Tense**

**Active:** Misha had cleaned the floor.

**Passive:** The floor had been cleaned by Misha.

**Active:** Vidhi had not received the parcel.

**Passive:** The parcel had not been received by Vidhi.

## 9.7. Active and Passive Voice Rules for Future Simple Tense

You can check Active Voice and Passive Voice Rules chart for future simple tense.

<b>Active Voice</b>	<b>Passive Voice (Auxiliary Verb- will+ be)</b>
Subject + will+ v1+ object.	Object+ will+ be +V3+ by + subject
Subject +will + not+ V1+object	Object + will+ not +be+V3+ by Subject

We can better understand Rules of Active and Passive Voice with examples for future simple tense.

### **Active and Passive Voice Examples with Answers of Future Simple Tense**

**Active:** Kriya will sew the bag.

**Passive:** The bag will be sewed by Kriya.

**Active:** Disha will not arrange the things.

**Passive:** The things will not be arranged by Disha.

## 9.8. Active and Passive Voice Rules for Future Perfect Tense

<b>Active Voice</b>	<b>Passive Voice</b>
Subject + will+ have +v3+ object.	Object+ will+ have+ been +V3+ by + subject
Subject + will+ have +not+v3+ object.	Object + will+ have +not+been+v3+ subject

### **Active and Passive Voice Exercises of Future Perfect Tense**

**Active:** They will have brought the toy.

**Passive:** The toy will have been brought by them.

**Active:** Nimesh will not have changed the table cover.

**Passive:** The table cover will not have been changed by Nimesh.

**There is no Passive Voice formation for these tenses:**

- 1.) Present Perfect Continuous Tense
- 2.) Past Perfect Continuous Tense
- 3.) Future Perfect Continuous Tense
- 4.) Future Continuous Tense

**EXERCISE**

**Change the sentences to passive voice.**

1. The Browns have built the large house.
2. A jellyfish stung her while she was swimming.
3. They gave her a nice present.
4. Jane is singing the new song.
5. The storm destroyed the house.
6. People spent a lot of Monday on the first shopping Saturday.
7. How do you write that word?
8. She watered the flowers every day.
9. The headmaster called his parents to the office.
10. Ben will direct the show.
11. The dog has broken the window pane.
12. You must pay the bill first.
13. They were interviewing her for the job.
14. The professor told him not to talk in class.
15. You shouldn't speak to your neighbor.
16. Do not leave your bicycle in the hall.
17. Can you learn French easily?
18. Your impolite tone surprises me.
19. James will repair the car.
20. An unknown author wrote the book.
21. They forced him to steal the money out of his dad's room.
22. Our neighbors have invited us to dinner.
23. Why are they tearing down the old theatre?
24. I will present my ideas at the conference tonight.
25. She would have told you.

### **Passive voice.**

1. *The large house has been built by the Browns.*
2. *She was stung by a jellyfish while she was swimming.*
3. *She was given a nice present.*
4. *The new song is being sung by Jane.*
5. *The house was destroyed by the storm.*
6. *A lot of money was spent on the first shopping Saturday.*
7. *How is that word written?*
8. *The flowers were watered every day.*
9. *His parents were called to the office by the headmaster.*
10. *The show will be directed by Ben.*
11. *The window pane has been broken by the dog.*
12. *The bill must be paid first.*
13. *She was being interviewed for the job.*
14. *He was told not to talk in class by the professor.*
15. *Your neighbor shouldn't be spoken to.*
16. *Bicycles must not be left in the hall.*
17. *Can French be learned easily?*
18. *I am surprised by your impolite tone.*
19. *The car will be repaired by James.*
20. *The book was written by an unknown author.*
21. *He was forced to steal the money out of his dad's room.*
22. *We have been invited to dinner.*
23. *Why is the old theatre being torn down?*
24. *My ideas will be presented at the conference tonight.*
25. *You would have been told.*

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