

# Passive Voice

**Remember this!**

		no change					
		Rule 1: Object + modal + be + Past Participle					
		Rule 2: object + be + Past Participle					
		change					
	Object +	Simple Present	Simple Past	Present Continuous	Past Continuous	Present Perfect	Past Perfect
		am } +PP	was } +PP	am } +being+PP	was } +being+PP	have } +been+PP	had } +been+PP
		is } +PP	were } +PP	is } +being+PP	was } +being+PP	has } +been+PP	had } +been+PP
		are } +PP	were } +PP	are } +being+PP	were } +being+PP	has } +been+PP	had } +been+PP

The passive voice is used to show interest in the action done rather than the person or the object that has done it. For example, the car is being repaired. It's also used when we don't know who the doer was. For example, "my mobile phone was stolen yesterday."

The passive voice is formed this way:

**Rule 1: object + modal + be (no change) + past participle**

Modals are: *can, could, will, would, may, might, must, should, have to, ought to, needn't.....*

**Example:** The housemaid can make coffee.

☞ The coffee can be made by the housemaid.

**Rule 2: object + auxiliary "be" in the same tense as the verb in the active + past participle**

**Example:** Sara broke the window last night.

☞ The window was broken by Sara last night.

N.B. With such verbs **say, believe, think, consider, show**, etc., the passive voice is formed like this.

**Example:** People say that high speed is the main cause of road accidents.

☞ It's said that high speed is the main cause of road accidents or High speed is said to be the main cause of road accidents.

## EXERCISE 1 Re-write these sentences as suggested.

**A** **Modals** : can, could, will, would, may, might, must, should, have to, ought to, needn't.....

**Rule:** \_\_\_\_\_

1- The coach should select two new players for the next African cup of nations.

Two new players \_\_\_\_\_

2- People must avoid the excessive use of technological devices.

The excessive use of technological devices \_\_\_\_\_

3- We will send the invitations tomorrow.

The invitations \_\_\_\_\_

**B** **Simple Present**

**Rule:** \_\_\_\_\_

1- The maid makes tea every morning for the kids.

Tea \_\_\_\_\_

2- The headmaster sends the files to the university department every year.

The files \_\_\_\_\_

**C** **Simple Past**

**Rule:** \_\_\_\_\_

1- The groom sent the gifts yesterday.

The gifts \_\_\_\_\_

2- Doctors discovered a new vaccination to some fatal diseases.

A new vaccination to some fatal diseases \_\_\_\_\_

**D** **Present Continuous**

**Rule:** \_\_\_\_\_

1- Mona is preparing the food now.

The food \_\_\_\_\_

2- She is taking pictures of the statue at the moment.

The pictures of the statue \_\_\_\_\_

**E Past Continuous****Rule:** \_\_\_\_\_

1- The club members were making great efforts to help children speak English.

Great efforts \_\_\_\_\_

2- The local authorities were building a charitable house for elderly people.

A charitable house \_\_\_\_\_

3- The mechanic was repairing the car yesterday.

The car \_\_\_\_\_

**F Present Perfect****Rule:** \_\_\_\_\_

1. They have founded a new association in this region.

A new association \_\_\_\_\_

2. He has written two novels recently.

Two novels \_\_\_\_\_

3. The farmer has grown the grapes in this place.

The grapes \_\_\_\_\_

**G Past Perfect****Rule:** \_\_\_\_\_

1- Julia had prepared lunch for children.

Lunch \_\_\_\_\_

2- They had given some prizes to brilliant students.

Some prizes \_\_\_\_\_

3- The writer had printed the new edition of the book.

The new edition of the book \_\_\_\_\_

**EXERCISE 2 Re-write these sentences as suggested.**

1. The members of the association may recycle the factory waste.

The factory waste \_\_\_\_\_

2. The police arrested the thief last weekend.

The thief \_\_\_\_\_

3. A foreign NGO will build a school for disabled children in our city.

A school for disabled children \_\_\_\_\_

4. Mark has made two spelling mistakes.

Two spelling mistakes \_\_\_\_\_

5. Because of the bad weather, the coach cancelled the match.

The match \_\_\_\_\_

6. He is typing the letters at the moment.

The letters \_\_\_\_\_

7. Last night, the housemaid kept the milk in the refrigerator.

Last night, the milk \_\_\_\_\_

8. Mary has done her homework.

The homework \_\_\_\_\_

9. He writes two reports every month to the boss.

Every month, two reports \_\_\_\_\_

10. Sandra posted the video on Facebook yesterday.

The video \_\_\_\_\_

**EXERCISE 1** Correct the underlined mistakes and then re-write the sentences. (6Pts)

1- The project work must be hand in after the vacation by the students.

\_\_\_\_\_

2- A new data system will been tested by the company.

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3- A new report has been publish by the magazine about "illiteracy."

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4- A well-paid job were offered to Leila by the new boss last week.

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5- Two players have being selected by the coach for the next tournament.

\_\_\_\_\_

6- The letter is being written now by he.

\_\_\_\_\_

**EXERCISE 2** Choose the right answer. (6Pts)

1- Students won't finish the project till next week.

The project \_\_\_\_\_ till next week by students.

- a- will not be finished
- b- would not be finished

2- Some rich people give money to the poor every year.

Money \_\_\_\_\_ to the poor every year by some rich people.

- a- is given
- b- was given

3- The journalist is taking pictures of the star now.

Pictures of the star \_\_\_\_\_ now by the journalist.

- a- is being taken
- b- are being taken

4- They made a lot of progress in the project.

A lot of progress \_\_\_\_\_ in the project.

- a- has been made
- b- was made

5- They didn't send the invitations on time.

The invitations \_\_\_\_\_ on time.

- a- are not sent
- b- were not sent

6- They should take procedures to fight unemployment.

Procedures \_\_\_\_\_ to fight unemployment.

- a- should be taken
- b- should been taken

**EXERCISE 3** Re-write these sentences as suggested. (8Pts)

1- Some international NGOs helped the victims of the war.

The victims of the war \_\_\_\_\_

2- They are painting the walls of the school and the classrooms.

The walls of the school and the classrooms \_\_\_\_\_

3- My students had made many mistakes last writing.

Many mistakes \_\_\_\_\_

4- The president builds two hospitals every five years in this city.

Two hospitals \_\_\_\_\_

5- The patient has taken the advice of the doctor into consideration.

The advice of the doctor \_\_\_\_\_

6- They have considered him as the leader of the school before his accident.

He \_\_\_\_\_

7- The Smiths didn't allow pets such as dogs and cats in the house.

Pets such as dogs and cats \_\_\_\_\_

8- The committee will invite the prime minister for a TV interview.

The prime minister \_\_\_\_\_