

VOICE

• The form of verb that shows whether the subject of a sentence does an action or has an action done to it is called voice.

There are two types of voice.

1 ⇒ Active voice = when the person or thing denoted by the subject does something.

EX - Arjun kicked the ball.

Sunita is singing a song.

2 ⇒ Passive voice = when something is done to the person or thing denoted by the subject.

EX - The ball was kicked by Arjun.

A song is being sung by Sunita.

Rules:

Active voice

1 - simple present ⇒

Grandfather waters the plant.

2 - Present continuous ⇒

Mother is making some soup.

Passive voice

is/am/are + V₃

The plant is watered by Grandfather.

is/am/are + being + V₃

Some soup are being made by mother.

- Active voice

3- Present Perfect =

Vishal has painted the fence.

4- Simple Past =

Ram delivered the letters

5- Past Continuous

Salim was polishing the wooden dining table.

6- Past Perfect

Mala had won a gold medal in the swimming competition.

7- Future Simple

She will deliver the letter

8- Modals

All the students should wear the school uniform

Passive voice.

have / has + been + V_3

The fence has been painted by Vishal.

was / were + V_3

The letters were delivered by Ram.

was / were + being + V_3

The wooden dining table was being polished by Salim.

had + been + V_3

A gold medal had been owned by Mala in the swimming competition.

will / shall + be + V_3

The letter will be delivered by her.

The school uniform should be worn by all the students

Q. Circle "A" if the sentence is written in active voice or circle "P" if the sentence is written in passive voice.

1. Henry posted the letter. A / P
2. The dog scared him. A / P
3. The cake is being eaten by Tina. A / P
4. The dog ate the meat. A / P
5. Doctor is examining the patient. A / P
6. The football was being played by the boys. A / P
7. John ate the cake. A / P
8. The teacher praised her. A / P
9. The police arrest the criminals. A / P
10. The letter was written by Kevin. A / P

Exercise 1: Are the sentences active or passive?

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| 1. Mary makes her bed every morning. | Active / Passive |
| 2. Charlie is writing a letter. | Active / Passive |
| 3. The letter is being written by Charlie. | Active / Passive |
| 4. The whole cake was eaten by my brother! | Active / Passive |
| 5. My Mum is going to bake a delicious cake. | Active / Passive |
| 6. The ball was chased by the dog. | Active / Passive |
| 7. I washed my car last week. | Active / Passive |
| 8. I sent the letters yesterday. | Active / Passive |
| 9. The money was stolen. | Active / Passive |