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Grade 9

English Home Language

ACTIVE AND PASSIVE VOICE

- In **ACTIVE VOICE** sentences the subject **does** the action.

Example: Liz played the piano.

Subject + verb + object

- In **PASSIVE VOICE** sentences the subject **receives** the action.

Example: The piano was played by Liz.

Object + verb + subject

- The sentence that uses the active voice is stronger, uses fewer words, and clearly shows who performs the action.
- The sentence that uses the passive voice is weaker and less direct. It is, however, not incorrect to use the passive voice.

- Sometimes the doer of the action is omitted in passive voice sentences.

Example: The piano was played.

SUBJECT, VERB AND OBJECT

In order to change a sentence form ACTIVE- to PASSIVE VOICE you need to identify the subject, verb and object in a sentence.

A **subject** is a noun or a pronoun that performs the verb in a sentence.

Verbs are the action words in a sentence that describe what the subject is doing.

An **object** is the part of a sentence that gives meaning to the subject's action of the verb.
For example: Alice caught the baseball. Subject=Alice Verb=caught Object=baseball

A **direct object** answers the question of who(m) or what. In the sentence above, you could determine that 'baseball' is a direct object by asking the question: What did Alice catch? She caught the baseball. Baseball is the direct object.

An **indirect object** answers the question of to whom, for whom, or for what. For

Example: Max pitched Alice the baseball.

Max (subject) pitched (verb) the baseball (direct object) to whom? He pitched it to Alice.
Alice is the indirect object.

STEPS TO CHANGE A SENTENCE FROM ACTIVE VOICE TO PASSIVE VOICE:

Example:

The teacher is reading the book.

Step 1: Identify the verb – underline it in green and make the letter “v” above it.

v

The teacher is reading the book.

Step 2: Identify the subject – underline it in red and make the letter “s” above it.

To find the subject take the verb and ask yourself who or what?

So... Who or what + is reading (verb)? “The teacher”

s

v

The teacher is reading the book.

Step 3: Identify the object – underline it in blue and make the letter “O” above it.

To find the object take the subject and the verb and ask yourself who or what?

So... The teacher (subject) + is reading (verb) who or what? “the book”

s

v

O

The teacher is reading the book.

Step 4: Switch the subject and object around + re-write the sentence

The subject should become the object and vice-e-versa while changing a sentence from Active to Passive voice or reverse.

Start the sentence with the active voice object.

The book...

Step 5: Identify the tense of the verb and change it to passive using the formula

The teacher is reading the book. = present continuous

Find the tense on the formula table below!

So what is V1, V2 and V3? They are verb forms

V1 = 1st Column Verb

e.g. I eat my lunch

V2 = 2nd Column Verb

e.g. Yesterday I ate my lunch

V3 = 3rd Column Verb

e.g. Tomorrow I will have eaten my lunch.

1 st Column Today I...	2 nd Column Yesterday...	3 rd Column Next week I will have...
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abide	abode	abode
arise	arose	arisen
awake	awoke	awoken
be	was/were	been
bear	bore	born
beat	beat	beaten
become	became	become
befall	befell	befallen
beget	begot	begotten
begin	began	begun
bespeak	bespoke	bespoken
bestride	bestrode	bestriden
bet	bet	bet
bid	bade/bid	bidden/bid
bind	bound	bound
bite	bit	bitten
bleed	bled	bled
blow	blew	blown
break	broke	broken
breed	bred	bred
bring	brought	brought
broadcast	broadcast	broadcast
build	built	built
burn	burnt	burnt
burst	burst	burst
buy	bought	bought
can	could	
cast	cast	cast
cut	cut	cut
deal	dealt	dealt

1 st Column Today I...	2 nd Column Yesterday...	3 rd Column Next week I will have...
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draw	drew	drawn
dream	dreamt	dreamt
drink	drank	drunk
drive	drove	driven
dwell	dwelt	dwelt
eat	ate	eaten
interweave	interwove	interwoven
fall	fell	fallen
feed	fed	fed
feel	felt	felt
fight	fought	fought
find	found	found
flee	fled	fled
fling	flung	flung
fly	flew	flown
forbid	forbad(e)	forbidden
forecast	forecast	forecast
forget	forgot	forgotten
forgive	forgave	forgiven
forsake	forsook	forsaken
foresee	foresaw	foreseen
foretell	foretold	foretold
freeze	froze	frozen
get	got	got
give	gave	given
go	went	gone
grind	ground	ground
grow	grew	grown
hang	hung	hung
have	had	had

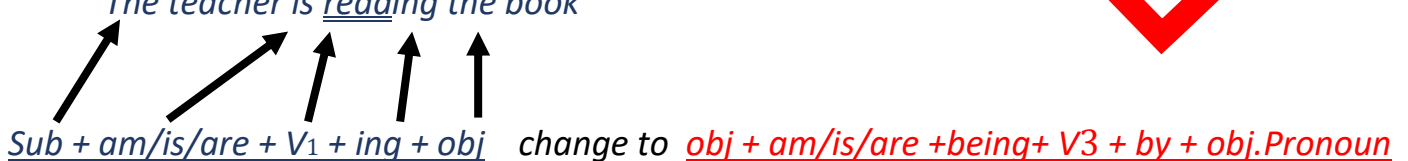
Formula of Active Voice Passive Voice

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Tense	Active Voice	Passive Voice
Simple Present Tense	Sub + <u>V¹</u> + Obj	Obj + <u>am/is/are</u> + V ³ + by + Obj.Pronoun
Simple Past Tense	Sub + <u>V²</u> + Obj	Obj + <u>was/were</u> + V ³ + by + Obj.Pronoun
Simple Future Tense	Sub + <u>shall/will</u> + V ¹ + Obj	Obj + <u>shall/will</u> + <u>be</u> + V ³ + by + Obj.Pronoun
Present Continuous Tense	Sub + <u>am/is/are</u> + V ¹ + <u>ing</u> + Obj	Obj + <u>am/is/are</u> + <u>being</u> + V ³ + by + Obj.Pronoun
Past Continuous Tense	Sub + <u>was/were</u> + V ¹ + <u>ing</u> + Obj	Obj + <u>was/were</u> + <u>being</u> + V ³ + by + Obj.Pronoun
Future Continuous Tense	Sub + <u>shall/will</u> + <u>be</u> + V ¹ + <u>ing</u> + Obj	Obj + <u>shall/will</u> + <u>being</u> + V ³ + by + Obj.Pronoun
Present Perfect Tense	Sub + <u>have/has</u> + V ³ + Obj	Obj + <u>have/has</u> + <u>been</u> + V ³ + by + Obj.Pronoun
Past Perfect Tense	Sub + <u>had</u> + V ³ + Obj	Obj + <u>had</u> + <u>been</u> + V ³ + by + Obj.Pronoun
Future Perfect Tense	Sub + <u>shall/will</u> + <u>have</u> + V ³ + Obj	Obj + <u>shall/will</u> + <u>have</u> + <u>been</u> + V ³ + by + Obj.Pronoun

Formula for our sentence:

The teacher is reading the book


 Sub + am/is/are + V₁ + ing + obj change to obj + am/is/are + being + V³ + by + obj.Pronoun

ACTIVE



PASSIVE

If the formula table is confusing look at the other summary on P.5 -6

Now follow the formula...

The book + is + being + read

Step 6: Insert the word by and the object pronoun

We must complete the formula!

- Write "by"
- Change the noun into a pronoun / or replace the pronoun
 - Remember this object "the teacher" was our subject in active voice.

Sub + am/is/are + V₁ + ing + obj change to obj + am/is/are + being + V₃ + by + obj.Pronoun

ACTIVE: The teacher is reading the book.

PASSIVE: The book + is + being + read + by + her.

The changed sentence is : The book is being read by her.

Changes of Pronouns

Active Voice	Passive Voice
I	me
we	us
you	you
he	him
she	her
it	it
they	them

Summary of the steps:

- Step 1: Identify the verb – underline it in green and make the letter “v” above it.
- Step 2: Identify the subject – underline it in red and make the letter “s” above it.
- Step 3: Identify the object – underline it in blue and make the letter “O” above it.
- Step 4: Switch the subject and object around + re-write the sentence.
- Step 5: Identify the tense of the verb and change it to passive using the formula.
- Step 6: Insert the word by and the object pronoun.

Summary of the tense changes:

CONTINUOUS TENSES	PASSIVE VOICE
• Switch the subject and object • The auxiliary stays • The verb changes to a 3rd Column verb • + by • + Object Pronoun • Except the Future tense we add “be” after the auxiliary.	

TENSE	ACTIVE	PASSIVE
Present Continuous Tense	I am doing my homework.	My homework is <u>being done</u> by me.
Past Continuous Tense	I was doing my homework.	My homework <u>was being done</u> by me.
Future Be going to	I am going to do my homework.	My homework <u>is going to be done</u> by me.
SIMPLE TENSES → PASSIVE VOICE		
• Switch the subject and object • We add the auxiliary verbs • The verb changes to a 3rd Column verb • + by • + Object Pronoun		
TENSE	ACTIVE	PASSIVE
Simple Present Tense	I do my homework.	My homework <u>is done</u> by me.
Simple Past Tense	I did my homework.	My homework <u>was done</u> by me.
Future Simple Tense	I will do my homework.	My homework <u>will be done</u> by me.
PERFECT TENSES → PASSIVE VOICE		
• Switch the subject and object • The auxiliary stays • + been • Keep the 3rd Column verb • + by • + Object Pronoun		
TENSE	ACTIVE	PASSIVE
Present Perfect Tense	I have done my homework.	My homework <u>has been done</u> by me.
Past Perfect Tense	I had done my homework.	My homework <u>had been done</u> by me.
Future Perfect Tense	I shall have done my homework.	My homework <u>shall have been done</u> by me.

ACTIVITY:*Rewrite the Active sentences into Passive.*

1) They understand Spanish.

2) My friend bought a new car.

3) John cleaned the bathroom.

4) The teacher closes the window.

5) The girls can play handball.

6) Our dog did not bite the cat.

7) The mechanic repairs cars.

Rewrite the Passive sentences into Active.

Just do the steps in reverse!

8) Football is played by the children.

9) The computer is used by Patrick.

10) Coffee is sold by Marie.
