



Active and Passive Voice

What is Voice in Grammar?

Voice is the form of a verb that shows whether the subject of a sentence performs or receives the action.

There are two types:

- **Active Voice** – The subject does the action.
- **Passive Voice** – The subject receives the action.

Active Voice

- The subject performs the action.
- The sentence structure is:
Subject + Verb + Object

Example:

The subject "hunter" is doing the action.

Another Example:

Nisha plays badminton.

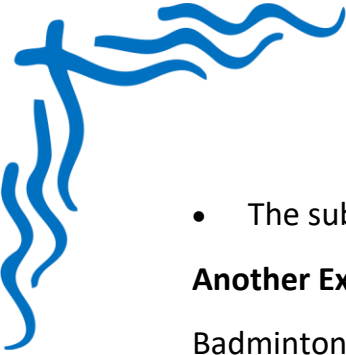
- **Nisha** = Subject (Doer)
- **Plays** = Verb (Action)
- **Badminton** = Object (Receiver)

Passive Voice

- The subject receives the action.
- The sentence structure becomes:
Object + be + Past Participle + by + Subject

Example:

- The deer was killed by the hunter.



- The subject "deer" is receiving the action.

Another Example:

Badminton is played by Nisha.

- **Badminton** = Subject (Receiver)
- **is played** = Passive verb form
- **by Nisha** = Agent (original subject)

Conversion Rules

Basic Rule:

1. Swap the subject and object.
2. Use correct form of the "be" verb.
3. Use the past participle of the main verb.
4. Add "by" before the doer (agent).

Pronoun Changes

Active Subject	Passive Object
I	me
We	us
He	him
She	her
They	them
You	you
It	it



Voice in Different Tenses

1. Simple Present Tense

Active: Subject + verb (s/es) + object

Passive: Object + is/are/am + past participle + by + subject

Examples:

❖ **Active:** We eat rice.

Passive: Rice is eaten by us.

❖ **Active:** The girls draw pictures.

Passive: Pictures are drawn by the girls.

2. Simple Past Tense

Active: Subject + past verb + object

Passive: Object + was/were + past participle + by + subject

Examples:

❖ **Active:** My uncle bought a car.

Passive: A car was bought by my uncle.

❖ **Active:** Piyush opened the book.

Passive: The book was opened by Piyush.

3. Simple Future Tense

Active: Subject + will/shall + base verb + object

Passive: Object + will/shall + be + past participle + by + subject

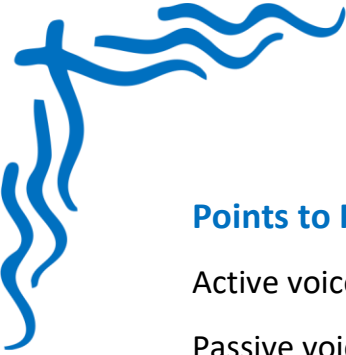
Examples:

❖ **Active:** Mamta will eat an apple.

Passive: An apple will be eaten by Mamta.

❖ **Active:** Raj will play chess.

Passive: Chess will be played by Raj.



Points to Remember

Active voice focuses on the doer.

Passive voice focuses on the receiver.

Use the correct form of "be" (is, are, was, were, will be).

Use the past participle of the main verb.

Use "by" before the agent.