



Active and Passive Voice

Learning Outcomes

- Students will understand the difference between active and passive voice.
- They will learn how to convert sentences from active to passive voice and vice versa.



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Complete the following two sentences exchanging the subject and object.

(a)



_____ cooks _____.

(b)



_____ is cooked by _____.

Active and Passive Voice

There are two types of voice - Active Voice and Passive Voice.

Examples :

1. Rahul eats a Mango.
2. A Mango is eaten by Rahul.

In sentence 1, **Rahul is the subject** and **eats is the verb**. In this sentence, Rahul does the action of eating. So, this sentence is **Active voice**.

In sentence 2, **A Mango is the subject** and **eaten is the verb**. In this sentence, a Mango does not perform the action of eating, instead it receives the action of eating. So, this sentence is **Passive voice**.



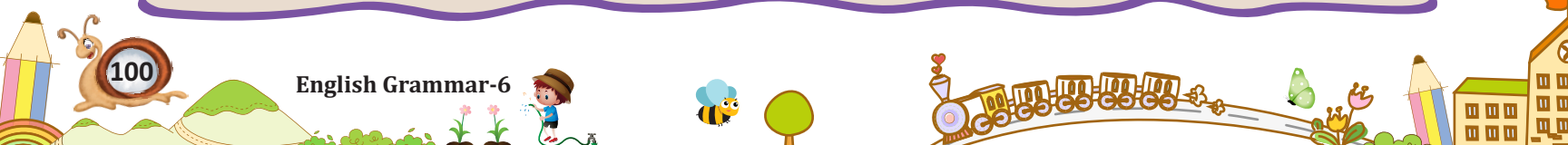
Grammar Byte

- ◉ When the subject of a verb is the doer of an action, the verb is said to be in the **Active voice**.

Example : He drinks coffee.

- ◉ When the subject of a verb is the receiver of an action, the verb is said to be in the **Passive voice**.

Example : Coffee is drunk by Ram.





A. Write A for the sentences that are in active voice and P for the ones that are in passive voice.

1. Suman writes a poem.
2. Mr Gupta teaches us Maths.
3. A sweet is eaten by Paras.
4. We obey our parents.
5. He was rewarded the Bharat Ratna by the Government of India.

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Changing Sentences From Active to Passive Voice

We can change sentences from active into passive by following the given process :

- First divide the sentence into three parts: subject, verb and object.
- Example :** Kapil eats an apple.
subject verb object
- Rewrite the sentence using the object as the subject and the subject as the object.
- Use the past participle form of the verb with the suitable helping verb.
- Add the preposition **by** before the doer of the action.

Example : An apple is eaten by Kapil.
object as helping preposition subject as
subject verb object

Simple Present

In Active Voice, **the root form** of the verb (sometimes uses **-s/-es**) which in Passive voice is converted as **is/am/are + past participle form** of the verb.

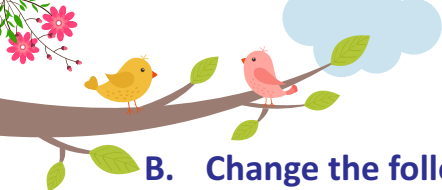
Examples : writes, play (Active voice)

Example : is written, is played (Passive voice)

Read the following examples:

| Active voice | Passive voice |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| 1. Ritu writes a letter. | A letter is written by Ritu. |
| 2. We play hockey. | Hockey is played by us. |
| 3. The hunter kills the birds. | The birds are killed by the hunter. |
| 4. Do you learn French ? | Is French learnt by you? |
| 5. Who knocks on the door? | By whom is the door knocked on? Who is the door knocked by ? |





B. Change the following sentences into passive voice. These sentences are in the simple present tense.



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1. Seema draws a picture.

2. She cooks tasty food.

3. Elephants eat sugarcane.

4. We obey our parents.

Change of Pronoun

I – me

we – us

you – you

he – him

she – her

they – them

Simple Past

In Active Voice the **past tense** of the verb will change in Passive voice as **was/were + past participle** form of the verb

Examples : bought, ate (Active Voice)

Example : was bought, were eaten (Passive Voice)

Read the following examples:

| Active Voice | Passive Voice |
|---|--|
| 1. I bought a dress. | A dress was bought by me. |
| 2. He wrote a letter. | A letter was written by him. |
| 3. She ate a toffee. | A toffee was eaten by her. |
| 4. Did you buy the dress? | Was the dress bought by you? |

C. Change the following sentences into passive voice. These sentences are in the simple past tense.

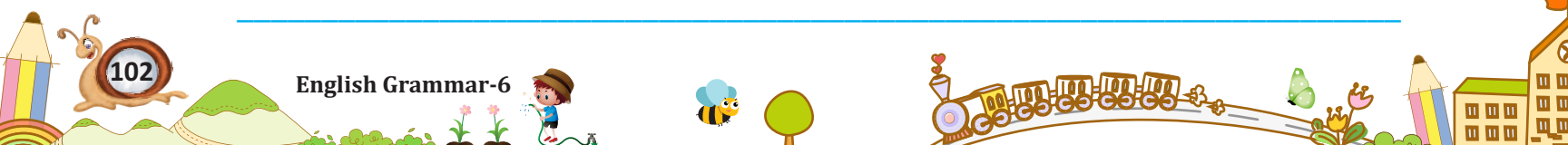
1. Mother knitted the sweater.

2. Madhu painted a picture.

3. The cat drank the milk.



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◎ Simple Future

In Active Voice, **shall/will + root form** of the verb will change in Passive voice as **shall be/will be + past participle form** of the verb

Examples : will sing, will write (Active voice)

Example : will be sung, will be written (Passive voice)

Read the following examples:

| Active voice | Passive voice |
|--|--|
| 1. Reema will sing a song. | A song will be sung by Reema. |
| 2. Priya will write a letter. | A letter will be written by Priya. |
| 3. We will learn the lesson. | The lesson will be learned by us. |
| 4. Will she help you ? | Will you be helped by her? |
| 5. Who will accept our invitation? | By whom will our invitation be accepted ? |

D. Change the following sentences into passive voice. These sentences are in the simple future tense.

1. We will visit the hill station.

2. Aman will do his homework.

3. She will help me.



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◎ Present Continuous

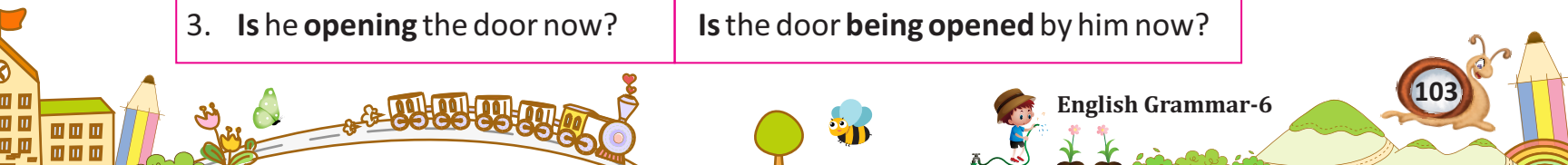
In Active Voice, **is/am/are + ing form** of the verb will change in Passive voice as **is/am/are + being + past participle form** of the verb

Examples : is writing, is doing (Active voice)

Example : is being written, is being done (Passive voice)

Read the following examples:

| Active voice | Passive voice |
|--|--|
| 1. Raja is writing a letter. | A letter is being written by Raja. |
| 2. Kavya is doing her homework. | Homework is being done by Kavya. |
| 3. Is he opening the door now? | Is the door being opened by him now? |





E. Change the following sentences into passive voice.
These sentences are in present continuous tense.



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1. Kajol is eating an apple.

2. The dog is chasing the cat.

3. Maya is playing ludo.

4. Megha is singing a song.

⦿ **Past Continuous**

In Active Voice, **was/were + ing form** of the verb will change in Passive voice as **was/were + being + past participle** form of the verb

Examples : was doing (Active voice)

Example : was being done (Passive voice)

Read the following examples:

| Active voice | Passive voice |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| 1. He was doing his homework. | His homework was being done by him. |
| 2. Who was playing the piano ? | Who was the piano being played by? |

F. Change the following sentences into passive voice.
These sentences are in the past continuous tense.



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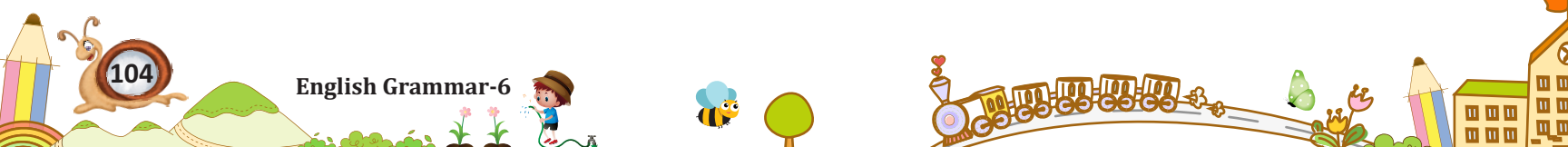


1. We were playing cricket.

2. She was writing a poem.

3. Anmol was selling the tickets.

4. Kinjal was cleaning the room.





⦿ Future Continuous

Verbs in the future continuous cannot be expressed in the passive voice.

⦿ Present Perfect

In Active Voice, **has/have + past participle form** of the verb will change in Passive voice as **has/have + been + past participle form** of the verb.

Example : have finished (Active voice)

Example : has been drawn (Passive voice)

Read the following examples:

| Active voice | Passive voice |
|---|--|
| 1. I have finished my work. | My work has been finished by me. |
| 2. She has drawn many pictures. | Many pictures have been drawn by her. |
| 3. Have they invited you? | Have you been invited by them? |

G. Change the following sentences into passive voice.

These sentences are in the present perfect tense.

1. I have written a letter.

2. Pankaj has eaten his breakfast.

3. He has invited Rahul.

4. They have bought the tickets.



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⦿ Past Perfect

In Active Voice, **has + past participle form** of the verb will change in Passive voice as **had + been + past participle form** of the verb

Example : had received (Active voice)

Example : had been received (Passive voice)

Read the following examples:

| Active voice | Passive voice |
|---|--|
| 1. He had received a telegram. | A telegram had been received by him. |
| 2. Had he broken my window? | Had the window been broken by him? |





H. Change the following sentences into passive voice.
These sentences are in past perfect tense.



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1. The girls had plucked the flowers.

2. You have written four letters.

3. Neeraj had paid the bill.

4. He had sent a parcel.

⊙ Future Perfect

In Active Voice, **shall/will + have + past participle form** of the verb will change in Passive voice : **shall/will + have been + past participle form** of the verb.

Example : shall have learnt (Active voice)

Example : will have been learnt (Passive voice)

Read the following examples:

| Active voice | Passive voice |
|---|--|
| 1. I shall have learnt the lesson. | The lesson will have been learnt by me. |
| 2. Will she have read the book? | Will the book have been read by her? |

I. Change the following sentences into passive voice.
These sentences are in future perfect tense.



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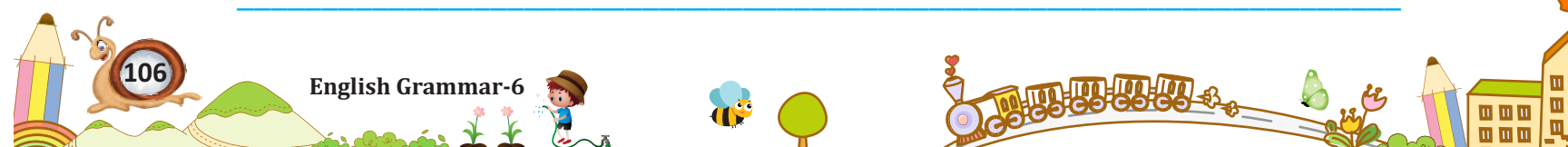


1. Will Tanmay have paid the bill ?

2. They will have built the bridge.

3. He will have sold the car.

4. Madhu will have read the book.





Points to Remember

- When the subject of a verb is the doer of an action, the verb is said to be in **Active voice**.
- When the subject of a verb is the receiver of an action, the verb is said to be in the **Passive voice**.



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Fill in the passive form using the form of appropriate tense.

1. (patients / treat / doctor) _____
2. (balloons / like / little children) _____
3. Electric bulb / invent / Thomas Edison) _____
4. (the thieves / catch / the policemen) _____
5. (the room / clean / someone) _____



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