

Module english

Active and passive voice

The active voice

When the subject of a sentence is the doer or actor, the Verb is in the Active Voice. It is so because the subject is active.

Example

The dog chased the cat

The passive voice

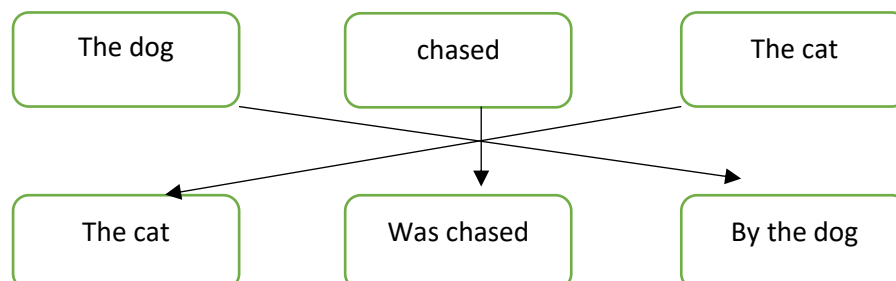
When the subject of a sentence is acted upon, the verb is in Active Voice. It is so because the subject is passive.

Example

The cat was chased by the dog

Moving from the active to the passive voice

- The object of the verb in the Active Voice becomes the subject of the verb in the passive voice.
- The subject of the verb in the Active voice becomes the object in the passive voice. (Generally preceded by the preposition „by“)
- The main verb is changed into the Past Participle form and it is preceded by the correct form of the verb „to be“ in passive voice.



Verb tenses in the passive voice

Present simple	am, is, are + made
Present progressive	am, is, are + being + sent
Past simple	was, were + invited

Past progressive	was, were + being + washed
Future (will)	will be + signed
Future (going to)	am, is, are + going to be + built
Present perfect	has, have + been + sold
Past perfect	had + been + hired
Future perfect	will + have been + finished
Modals: can/could	can, could + be + issued
Modal: have to	have to, has to, had to + be + arranged
Modal: must	must + be + stopped

Practice

1. Someone had broken the window by 3:00 p.m.
2. A strange man was watching us.
3. Tokyo hosted the Olympics in 2020.
4. We are working on the report right now.
5. My manager has told him to arrive earlier.
6. They could not have made the mistake.
7. I hope they are going to hire me soon.
8. John's mother raised him in a small town.