



Passive Voice in English

TENSE

ACTIVE

PASSIVE

Present Simple

I **do** my homework.

My homework **is done**.

Present Continuous

I'm **doing** my homework.

My homework **is being done**.

Past Simple

I **did** my homework.

My homework **was done**.

Past Continuous

I **was doing** my homework.

My homework **was being done**.

Present Perfect

I **have done** my homework.

My homework **has been done**.

Past Perfect

I **had done** my homework.

My homework **had been done**.

Future Simple

I **will do** my homework.

My homework **will be done**.

Future Be going to

I'm **going to do** my homework.

My homework **is going to be done**.

Modal

I **must do** my homework.

My homework **must be done**.

Modal Perfect

I **should have done** my homework. My homework **should have been done**.

Active & Passive Voice

Tense	Active	Passive
Present simple	Doctors save lives.	Lives are saved by doctors.
Present continuous	The students are writing essays.	Essays are being written by the students.
Past simple	She invited me to the party.	I was invited to the party by.
Past continuous	He was reading a book.	A book was being read by him.
Past perfect	I had repaired the car.	The car had been repaired by me.
Future simple	We will build a house.	A house will be built by us.
Infinitive	She has to complete the report.	The report has to be completed by her.
Modals	You must follow the rules.	The rules must be followed by you.



The Passive Voice

The passive voice is used to show interest in the person or object that experiences an action rather than the person or object that performs the action.

"Sam cooks the food"

(Active)



(Passive)

The food is cooked by Sam"

TENSE	ACTIVE VOICE	PASSIVE VOICE
Present Simple	Sam cooks the food	The food is cooked (by Sam)
Past Simple	Sam cooked the food	The food was cooked (by Sam)
Future Simple	Sam will cook the food	The food will be cooked (by Sam)
Present Continuous	Sam is cooking the food	The food is being cooked (by Sam)
Past Continuous	Sam was cooking the food	The food was being cooked (by Sam)
Going to	Sam is going to cook the food	The food is going to be cooked (by Sam)
Present Perfect	Sam has cooked the food	The food has been cooked (by Sam)
Past Perfect	Sam had cooked the food	The food had been cooked (by Sam)
Used to	Sam used to cook the food	The food used to be cooked (by Sam)
Would Always	Sam would always cook the food	The food would always be cooked (by Sam)
Infinitive	Sam has to cook the food	The food has to be cooked (by Sam)
Modals	Sam should cook the food	The food should be cooked (by Sam)

When to use the Passive Voice

When the object receiving the action is more important than the actor.
When we do not know or do not want to mention who is doing the action.
When we want to make statements more polite or formal.

(by Sam)?

In passive sentences, the thing receiving the action is the subject of the sentence and the thing doing the action is optionally included near the end of the sentence.

Passive Voice

A – Rewrite the following sentences in the Passive Voice.

1 – People use credit cards to make shopping easier.

2 – Peter doesn't finish the school tasks.

3 – I am carrying two heavy parcels.

4 – Mary isn't singing a new song.

5 – You wrote a long letter yesterday.

6 – I didn't buy a magazine last weekend.

7 – I have eaten many sweets.

8 – He has sent a Christmas postcard.

9 – Children weren't reading comics.

10 – She was reading the newspaper yesterday at 9pm.

11 – This famous director will produce ten short comedy films in four years.

12 – People won't buy so many newspapers in the near future.

13 – Wealthy countries should support the poor ones.

14 – Everyone must respect the traffic laws.

15 – Technology is invading our working places.

16 – Eileen helps people in need.

17 – Mr Brown called several candidates for a second interview.

18 – They don't allow dogs in the restaurant.

19 – Jason will accept the offer next month.

20 – That leaves many young people in a difficult situation.