

To make a sentence passive voice, we need to invert the order of the subject and the object of an active sentence the object becomes the subject of the sentence.

Michael answered the phone. □ The phone **was answered by** Michael.

Passive Form = **be (tense) + past participle.**

Remember: Intransitive verbs are not used in passive voice.

1 Complete the rule:

The passive is formed with the auxiliary verb + the

2 In the columns below, write in the passive verb forms from the text.

Present Simple	Past Simple	Present Perfect	Will Future
.....	will be thought
is used
is read
are treated
.....	have been met

3. Change the following ACTIVE VOICE sentences into PASSIVE VOICE, but only if possible. Omit the by-phrase wherever possible. Do NOT change the verb tense.

1. The student copied the new vocabulary into her notebook.
The new vocabulary _____
2. The salesperson talked Ahmed into buying a new car.
Ahmed _____
3. It rains a lot during the monsoon season.

4. The sun rises at seven o'clock in winter.

5. Her parents taught her to be punctual.

6. This year, monkeys have bitten several tourists in Phuket.

7. The scholar diligently checked all of his references.

4. Change the following PASSIVE VOICE sentences into ACTIVE VOICE ones. Do NOT change the verb tense.

1. Saffron is cultivated in Spain and in Iran.

2. This play was first performed in ancient Greece.

3. His cat's collar will be designed by a famous craftsman.

ANSWERS:

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1. *The new vocabulary was copied into her notebook (by the student).*
2. *Ahmed was talked into buying a new car (by the salesman).*
3. **No passive form**
4. **No Passive form**
5. *She was taught to be punctual (by her parents)*

6. *Several tourists were bitten by monkeys in Phuket.*
7. *His (The scholar's) references were diligently checked (by the scholar).*
- 4.
1. *People cultivate saffron in Spain and in Iran*
2. *Someone first performed this play in ancient Greece.*
3. *A famous craftsman will design his cat's collar.*

5. In the following sentences underline the verbs and decide if they are active or passive.

- 1 A repeater boosts the electrical signal so that longer cables can be used.
- 2 Men's ties are usually made of silk or polyester.
- 3 Nearly all paper can be recycled if it is sorted and contaminants are removed.
- 4 Geothermal energy is produced below the earth's surface.
- 5 The main sources of, greenhouse gas emissions include fossil fuel generating plants and transportation vehicles.
- 6 Manufacturers choose plastic containers for many different reasons.
- 7 Oil was formed in underground rocks millions of years ago.

ANSWERS:

- 1 **boosts (active); can be used (passive)**
- 2 **are... made (passive)**
- 3 **can be recycled (passive); sorted (passive); are removed (passive)**
- 4 **is produced (passive)**
- 5 **include (active)**
- 6 **choose (active)**
- 7 **was formed (passive)**

4. For each of the following sentences, first indicate the tense of the underlined verb, and then change the verb from the Active Voice to the corresponding tense in the Passive Voice. Take note of the resulting change in the meaning of the sentence. For example:

They drive to work at seven o'clock every morning.

Simple Present: They are driven to work at seven o'clock every morning.

Did he notice?

Simple Past: Was he noticed?

She is not telling the truth.

Present Continuous: he is not being told the truth.

We have sent a message.

Present Perfect: We have been sent a message.

I will pay.

Simple Future: I will be paid.

1. Do they expect to leave? _____
2. He is giving instructions. _____
3. They have moved to a new location. _____
4. She will fly to London. _____
5. He has offered a discount. _____
6. They have stopped. _____
7. Will you have given the order? _____
8. We sent a favorable reply. _____
9. We were teaching German. _____
10. I understand. _____
11. He is offering free advice. _____
12. She will rush to the reception. _____

Answer

1. Simple Present: Are they expected to leave?
 2. Present Continuous: He is being given instructions.
 3. Present Perfect: They have been moved to a new location.
 4. Simple Future: She will be flown to London.
 5. Present Perfect: He has been offered a discount.
 6. Present Perfect: They have been stopped.
 7. Future Perfect: Will you have been given the order?
 8. Simple Past: We were sent a favorable reply.
 9. Past Continuous: We were being taught German.
 10. Simple Present: I am understood.
 11. Present Continuous: He is being offered free advice.
 12. Simple Future: She will be rushed to the reception.
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Rewrite the sentences in the passive voice.

Answer

- a) iPads, computers and cellphones are all made use of by students during their lectures.
- b) New equipment is being installed annually by universities and schools.
- c) Free Wi-Fi access is even being provided to people by municipalities.
- d) Everyone – from farm workers to managers – is being required by these municipalities to write a report on their experiences.
- e) Anti-theft devices will be introduced on all cellphones by cellphone companies from next year on.