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**UNIT II: ACTIVE & PASSIVE VOICE**



# VOICE



The term 'voice' is a term that is used to denote the form of the verb which shows if the subject in a given sentence is the **doer or receiver of the action**. There are **two** voices in the English language and they are as follows:

- Active Voice
- Passive Voice



# ACTIVE VOICE



The active voice, in a sentence, denotes that the noun or pronoun that acts as the subject in the sentence is the doer of the action. In other words, the **subject performs the action** or acts upon the verb.

Subject + Verb + Object



# PASSIVE VOICE



Passive voice is when the **subject receives the action** rather than performing it. The focus is on the action or the object of the action, rather than the person doing it. It is often used when the doer is unknown or less important.

Object + Verb + Subject



# ACTIVE VOICE PRESENT TENSE



Simple Tense: Brendon plays cricket.

Continuous Tense: Brendon is playing cricket.

Perfect Tense: Brendon has played cricket.

Perfect Continuous Tense: Brendon has been playing cricket.



# PASSIVE VOICE PRESENT TENSE



Simple Tense: Cricket is played by Brendon.

Continuous Tense: Cricket is being played by Brendon.

Perfect Tense: Cricket has been played by Brendon.

Perfect Continuous Tense: No Passive



# EXERCISE 1 ANSWER



Conversion Rules for Active Voice and Passive Voice					
Tense	Voice	Simple Tense	Continuous Tense	Perfect Tense	Perfect Continuous Tense
<b>Present</b>	Active	Brendon plays cricket.	Brendon is playing cricket.	Brendon has played cricket.	Brendon has been playing cricket.
	Passive	Cricket is played by Brendon.	Cricket is being played by Brendon.	Cricket has been played by Brendon.	No Passive
<b>Past</b>	Active	Brendon played cricket.	Brendon was playing cricket.	Brendon had played cricket.	Brendon had been playing cricket.
	Passive	Cricket was played by Brendon.	Cricket was being played by Brendon.	Cricket had been played by Brendon.	No Passive
<b>Future</b>	Active	Brendon will play cricket.	Brendon will be playing cricket.	Brendon will have played cricket.	Brendon will have been playing cricket.
	Passive	Cricket will be played by Brendon.	No Passive	Cricket will have been played by Brendon.	No Passive



# EXERCISE 2



Change of Pronouns	
Active Voice	Passive Voice
I	Me
We	Us
He	Him
She	Her
They	Them
It	It





# EXERCISE



Twinkle likes adventure stories.

**Adventure stories are liked by Twinkle.**

Latha is learning French this year.

**French is being learnt by Latha this year.**

Kurt has brought macaroons.

**Macaroons have been brought by Kurt.**

Sidharth played cricket.

**Cricket was played by Sidharth.**



# WORK OUT



1. They were making invitation cards.
2. Becky had packed the bags.
3. Mira will buy the refreshments for the party.
4. Sanjay will have given the forms to all the participants.



# ANSWERS



- Invitation cards were being made by them.
- The bags had been packed by Becky.
- The refreshments for the party will be bought by Mira.
- The forms will have been given to all the participants by Sanjay.



# EXERCISE



1. Varun is helping Reshmi. (Change into passive voice)
2. A gift was given to Manassa by me. (Change into active voice)
3. Santana will sing All My Life at the Nationals. (Change into active voice)
4. A mouse was being chased by my cat. (Change into active voice)



# EXERCISE ANSWERS



- Reshmi is being helped by Varun. (Passive voice)
- I gave a gift to Manassa. (Active voice)
- Santana will sing All My Life at the Nationals. (Already in active voice, no change needed.)
- My cat was chasing a mouse. (Active voice)



# RECAP



- **Passive:** Salsa dancing has always been loved by our community.
- **Active:** Our community has always loved salsa dancing.



# EXERCISE



**Active:** Please remove your shoes before entering my house.

**Passive:** Shoes should be removed before entering my house.

