

# GRAMMAR

## \*Active and Passive Voice Rules and Exercises (Simple Present Tense)

### 1. Assertive sentences: *is/am/are 3<sup>rd</sup> form*

Active Voice 1st form + s/es	Passive Voice is/am/are+3 <sup>rd</sup> form
1. He <b>loves</b> me.	I <b>am loved</b> (by him).
2. She <b>lights</b> the candle.	The candle <b>is lighted</b> (by her).
3. I <b>do</b> my duty.	My duty <b>is done</b> (by me).
4. They <b>expect</b> good news.	Good news <b>is expected</b> by them.
5. We <b>help</b> the poor.	The poor <b>are helped</b> by us.

### 2. Negative sentences: *is/am/are + not + 3<sup>rd</sup> form*

Active Voice	Passive Voice
<i>do not/does not + 1st form</i>	<i>is/am/we + not + 3<sup>rd</sup> form</i>
1. The boys <b>do not make</b> a noise.	A noise <b>is not made</b> (by the boys).
2. She <b>does not abuse</b> you.	You <b>are not abused</b> by her.

### 3. Interrogative sentences: *is/am/are + Subject + 3<sup>rd</sup> form?*

Active Voice	Passive Voice
do/does + subject + 1 <sup>st</sup> form.	is/ am/are + subject + 3 <sup>rd</sup> form

3. When <b>do</b> you <b>eat</b> your breakfast?	When <b>is</b> your breakfast <b>eaten</b> by you?
4. Why <b>does</b> he <b>tell</b> lies?	Why are lies <b>told</b> by him?
5. How <b>do</b> you <b>prepare</b> tea?	How <b>is</b> tea <b>prepared</b> by you?
6. Where <b>does</b> she <b>keep</b> her money?	Where <b>is</b> her money <b>kept</b> by her?
1. <b>Do</b> you <b>eat</b> meat?	<b>Is</b> meat <b>eaten</b> (by you)?
2. <b>Does</b> she <b>pluck</b> flowers?	<b>Are</b> flowers <b>plucked</b> (by her)?

**Note 1.** *'What' serves as Object in the Active Voice and as Subject in the Passive Voice. Therefore the Helping Verb is placed after what'. Similarly, the Helping Verb is placed after the Noun followed by 'which'.*

7. What <b>do</b> you <b>see</b> ?	What <b>is</b> <b>seen</b> by you?
8. Which pen <b>do</b> you <b>like</b> ?	Which pen <b>is</b> <b>liked</b> by you?

**Note: 2.** *if the Question is framed with 'who' or 'whom'. in the Passive Voice 'who' is changed into 'by whom' and 'whom' is changed into 'who'.*

9. Who abuses you?	By whom are you abused
10. Whom do you want?	Who is wanted by you ?

## 1-Passive or active? Present Simple

### EXERCISES

1.1. Choose the active or the passive form of the simple present tense:

1. My room (**is cleaned-cleans**) every day.
2. The plants (**are watered-water**) by my wife every day.
3. They (**don't deliver-aren't delivered**) the milk on Sundays.
4. German (**is taught- teaches**) as a second language in our school.
5. Fresh vegetables (**are sold-sell**) in this supermarket.
6. Julie's article (**writes- is written**) for a famous newspaper.
7. My sister (**helps-is helped**) my mother to set the table.
8. Snapchat (**is adored-adore**) by the teens of the world.
9. I always (**do- am done**) the house chores in the house.
10. We (**fry- are fried**) the potatoes in the mixture of vegetable oil and butter.

1.2. Choose the correct form of the following sentences:

1. I eat a piece of chocolate cake every morning.  
**Active**      **Passive**
2. The librarian reads the book to the students.  
**Active**      **Passive**
3. The money is stolen.  
**Active**      **Passive**
4. They are paid on Fridays.  
**Active**      **Passive**
5. The movie is made in Hollywood.  
**Active**      **Passive**
6. I wash my car every three weeks.  
**Active**      **Passive**
7. His hair is cut by a professional.  
**Active**      **Passive**

## 2-Active to passive Present Simple

2.1. Change the following sentences into Passive Voice:

1. I teach English.
2. Maha tells stories.
3. I see a bird.

4. He likes apples.
5. You write poems.
6. Ali wants a pen.
7. Ramzi makes a chair.
8. They run a race.
9. The peon rings the bell.
10. She does not wash clothes.
11. You do not keep your word.
12. This officer does not punish his juniors.
13. I expect good news.
14. How do you wash your clothes?
15. Who teaches you?

**2.2. Rewrite the following sentences, changing them from active to passive voice.**

- (1) The mechanic repairs my car.
- (2) The teacher explains all the lessons to the students.
- (3) The chef cooks special dishes.
- (4) The gardener prunes the bushes every week.
- (5) The artist paints beautiful landscapes.

### **3-Passive to Active Present Simple**

**\*Rewrite the sentences using Active voice.**

1. The blue car is driven by my dad.
2. German is spoken by people in Austria.

3. The cakes are made by Helen and Fiona.
  4. Money is collected by Tim.
  5. The red bike is checked by Adam and Jenny.
  6. These restaurants are run by my friend.
  7. The desks are cleaned by them.
  8. Trees are planted by the gardener.
  9. The book is translated into Portuguese by his brother.
  10. This lemon tree is watered by me.
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# \*Active and Passive Voice Rules and Exercises

## (Simple Past Tense)

### 1. Simple Past Positive Passive Sentences:

Active: I bought one sandwich. (singular)

Passive: One sandwich was bought by me

Active: I bought two sandwiches. (plural)

Passive: Two sandwiches were bought by me

**Active voice:** I (Subject) + bought (Vmain) + two sandwiches (Object).

**Passive voice:** Two sandwiches (Object) + were (Auxiliary verb) + bought (V main) + by me (By + subject).

### Examples

**Active voice:** I wrote an amazing book.

**Passive voice:** An amazing book was written (by me).

**Active voice:** I helped Jim a lot .

**Passive voice:** Jim was helped a lot (by me).

**Active voice:** She bought two apples.

**Passive voice:** Two apples were bought by her.

### 2. Simple Past Negative Passive Sentences:

Active: I didn't buy one sandwich. (singular)

Passive: One sandwich was not bought by me

Active: I didn't buy two sandwiches. (plural)

Passive: Two sandwiches were not bought by me

**Active voice:** I (Subject) + did + not + buy + two sandwiches (Object).

**Passive voice:** Two sandwiches (Object) + were (Auxiliary verb) + not + bought (Vmain) + by me (By + subject).

## Examples

Active voice: I did not write an amazing book.

**Passive voice:** An amazing book was not written (by me).

Active voice: I did not help Jim a lot.

**Passive voice:** Jim was not helped a lot (by me).

Active voice: She did not buy two apples.

**Passive voice:** Two apples were not bought by her.

### 3,Passive Questions in Simple Past Tense:

Active: Did you buy the one sandwich. (singular)

Passive: was the One sandwich bought by you?

Active: did you buy the two sandwiches. (plural)

Passive: were the two sandwiches bought by you?

## Examples

Active Voice: Did they stop him there?

**Passive Voice:** Was he stopped by them there?

Active Voice: Did you drink cold tea?

**Passive Voice:** Was cold drink drunk by you?

Active Voice: Did she light two torches?

**Passive Voice:** Were two torches lit by her?

## 1-Passive or active? Past Simple

### EXERCISES

#### Exercise 1

1. The clowns blew the balloons.
2. The boy broke the window.
3. Some bread was brought by the students.

4. The construction workers built the road.
5. Rubbish had been burnt by the gardener.
6. A new car was being bought by that woman.
7. Some fish were caught in the winter.
8. A brown coat was being chosen by her husband.
9. A baby was creeping on the carpet.
10. A piece of cake had been cut.
11. The miners had dug the mine.
12. Our homework had been done.
13. Lemonade was being drunk.
14. Mr. Jones drove a lorry.
15. Fish and Fries was eaten by the child.
16. The daughter was getting some money.
17. We were feeding the cats.
18. The boys fought over the toy.
19. Her plastic wallet had been found at the bus stop
20. He forgot his book at home.

## 2- Active to Passive Past Simple

-Fill in the blanks to change each **active voice sentence** into a **passive voice sentence**:

*Example:* Henry Miller wrote that book. → That book was written by Henry Miller.

1. The president gave John an award. → John ----- an award by the president.
2. Everyone saw them. → They----- by everyone.
3. The police brought him. → He ----- by the police.
4. The firefighters saved the women. → The women----- by the firefighters.
5. All the students understood the explanation. → The explanation -----  
----- by all the students.
6. Mrs. Richardson filed two complaints. → Two complaints -----  
- by Mrs. Richardson.



7. That man stole my wallet. → My wallet ----- by that man.

8. Everyone knew them. → They ----- by everyone.

9. A snake bit him. → He ----- by a snake.

10. Thomas and his brother built that house. → That house ----- by Thomas and his brother.

### **3-Passive to Active Past Simple**

- 1.The first gramophone was invented by Edison.
- 2.All the milk was drunk by the cat.
- 3.I was not expected by them.
- 4.Was a noise made by you?
- 5.They were not beaten by the teacher.
- 6.The prize was not won by them.
- 7.My bike was stolen by a thief.
- 8.The home was cleaned by Alec.
- 9.A letter was written by Jenny.
- 10.When was his home task done by him?
- 11.Where was the diary found by you?
- 12.Which picture was seen by you last night?
- 13.A cake was not made by Tom.

#### **Answers:**

- 1.Edison invented the first gramophone.
- 2.The cat drank all the milk.
- 3.They did not expect me.
- 4.Did you make a noise?
- 5.The teacher did not beat them.
- 6.They did not win the prize.
- 7.A thief stole my bike.
- 8.Alec cleaned the home.
- 9.Jenny wrote a letter.
- 10.When did he do his home task?
- 11.Where did you find the diary?
- 12.Which picture did you see last night?
- 13.Tom did not make a cake.

## Exercise - The passive (present and past)

Complete the sentences with the present or past simple passive of the verb in brackets:

1. How many newspapers(print) in Britain every day?
2. German(speak) in Germany, Austria, and part of Switzerland.
3. The royal wedding(watch) by millions of people in 2011.
4. Nowadays, a lot of computers(make) in Korea.
5. The *Harry Potter* films(not direct) by Steven Spielberg.
6. How much(paper / recycle) in Poland each year?
7. In the UK, alcohol(not sell)to anyone under 18. It's against the law.