

English

General Structure of Voice Transformation

Voice Type	Structure
Active Voice	Subject + Verb + Object
Passive Voice	Object (of active) + form of "be" + past participle (V3) + by + Subject (of active)

Tense-wise Rules of Voice Conversion

Tense	Active Voice	Passive Voice Structure	Example (Active → Passive)	
	Structure			
Simple Present	S + V1 + 0	0 + is/am/are + V3 + by	She writes a letter. \rightarrow A letter is written	
		+ S	by her.	
Present	S + is/am/are +	0 + is/am/are + being +	He is painting a wall. \rightarrow A wall is being	
Continuous	V1+ing + 0	V3 + by + S	painted by him.	
Present Perfect	S + has/have + V3	0 + has/have + been +	They have finished the work. \rightarrow The	
	+ 0	V3 + by + S	work has been finished by them.	
Simple Past	S + V2 + 0	0 + was/were + V3 + by	She cleaned the room. \rightarrow The room was	
		+ S	cleaned by her.	
Past	S + was/were +	0 + was/were + being +	They were watching a movie. \rightarrow A movie	
Continuous	V1+ing + 0	V3 + by + S	was being watched by them.	
Past Perfect	S + had + V3 + 0	0 + had + been + V3 + by	He had completed the task. \rightarrow The task	
		+ S	had been completed by him.	
Simple Future	S + will/shall + V1	0 + will/shall + be + V3 +	She will read the book. \rightarrow The book will	
	+ 0	by + S	be read by her.	
Future Perfect	S + will/shall +	0 + will/shall + have +	He will have written a letter. \rightarrow A letter	
	have + V3 + 0	been + V3 + by + S	will have been written by him.	

Tenses Without Passive Voice

Tense	Reason		
Present Perfect Continuous	Cannot be changed due to continuous duration emphasis		
Past Perfect Continuous	No direct passive form exists		
Future Continuous	Passive structure is not used in English		
Future Perfect Continuous	No acceptable passive structure		

Active to Passive Voice Rules for Modal Verbs

S.No.	Modal Verb	Active Voice Structure	Passive Voice Structure	Example	Example (Passive)
				(Active)	
1	Can / Could	Subject + can/could + V_1 +	Object + can/could + be + V ₃ +	She can solve the	The problem can be
		object	by + subject	problem.	solved by her.
2	May / Might	Subject + may/might + V ₁	Object + may/might + be + V ₃	He might	The work might be
		+ object	+ by + subject	complete the	completed by him.
				work.	
3	Shall / Should	Subject + shall/should + V ₁	Object + shall/should + be + V ₃	You should	The rules should be
		+ object	+ by + subject	follow the rules.	followed by you.





4	Will / Would	Subject + will/would + V ₁	Object + will/would + be + V ₃	They will launch	The app will be
		+ object	+ by + subject	the app.	launched by them.
5	Must / Ought	Subject + must/ought to +	Object + must/ought to + be +	We must obey	The law must be
	to	V ₁ + object	V ₃ + by + subject	the law.	obeyed by us.
6	Has to / Have	Subject + has/have/had to	Object + has/have/had to + be	He has to	The form has to be
	to / Had to	+ V ₁ + object	+ V ₃ + by + subject	complete the	completed by him.
				form.	
7	Used to	Subject + used to + V ₁ +	Object + used to + \mathbf{be} + V_3 + by	She used to teach	French used to be
		object	+ subject	French.	taught by her.
8	Need to	Subject + need(s)/needed	Object + need(s)/needed to +	You need to	The file needs to be
		to + V ₁ + object	$\mathbf{be} + V_3 + \mathbf{by} + \mathbf{subject}$	submit the file.	submitted by you.

Active to Passive Voice Rules for Imperative Sentences

S.No.	Type of	Active Voice	Passive Voice Structure	Example	Example (Passive)
	Sentence	Structure		(Active)	
1	Order /	V ₁ + object	Let + object + be + V ₃	Close the door.	Let the door be closed.
	Command				
2	Request /	Please + V ₁ +	You are requested/advised to +	Please help me.	You are requested to help
	Advice	object	V_1 + object		me.
3	Negative	Do not + V ₁ +	Let not + object + be + V ₃	Do not waste	Let not time be wasted.
	Command	object		time.	
4	Suggestive	Let's + V ₁ +	Let + object + be + V ₃	Let's paint the	Let the wall be painted.
	Sentences	object		wall.	
5	General	V ₁ + object	It is advised/instructed that +	Read the	It is advised that the
	Instruction		object + should be + V ₃	instructions.	instructions should be read.









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