

We use **the passive voice** if we do not know who did the action or if the person is not very important.

HOW TO CHANGE TO PASSIVE

Active	Passive
Subject	Object
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Verb	Past Participle Form
Helping verb	carries the tense of the active sentences
Verb to be	comes between the main verb and the helping verb. We use being for continuous tenses and been for present and past perfect tenses.

In a passive sentence, if we want to mention what caused or who did the action, we use the agent (by.....)

Active: Yaşar Kemal writes a novel

Passive: A novel is written by Yaşar Kemal.

The Simple Present Passive:

am/is/are + verb3 (past participle)

Active: The boy waters the flowers every evening.

Passive: The flowers are watered by the boy every evening.

Active: Begüm doesn't drink anything in parties.

Passive: Nothing is drunk by Begüm in parties.

Active: Who sells umbrellas?

Passive: Who are umbrellas sold by?

Active: My son doesn't paint the walls.

Passive: The walls aren't painted by my son.

The Simple Past Passive

was/were + verb3 (past participle)

Active: The lecturer corrected the mistakes.

Passive: The mistakes were corrected by the lecturer.

Active: Did the little boy sell all the papers?

Passive: Were all the papers sold by the little boy?

Active: Bora didn't eat any oranges.

Passive: No oranges were eaten by Bora.

Active: He didn't give the money.

Passive: The money wasn't given by him.

Present Continuous Passive:

am/is/are + being + verb3 (past participle)

Active: The dog is eating the bone.

Passive: *The bone is being eaten by the dog.*

Active: Mr. Bozkurt is measuring the room.

Passive: *The room is being measured by Mr. Bozkurt.*

Active: What is he doing at the moment?

Passive: *What is being done by him at the moment?*

The Past Continuous Passive:

was/were + being + verb3 (past participle)

Active: The boy was throwing the stone.

Passive: *The stone was being thrown by the boy.*

Active: What was he writing on the desk?

Passive: *What was being written by him on the desk?*

Active: My father wasn't carrying my bag.

Passive: *My bag wasn't being carried by my father.*

Present Perfect Passive:

have/has + been + verb3 (past participle)

Active: They have cleaned the library

Passive: *The library has been cleaned by them.*

Active: Simon has read a short story.

Passive: *A short story has been read by Simon.*

Active: Haven't they painted the house yet?

Passive: *Hasn't the house been painted yet?*

Past Perfect Passive:

had + been + verb3 (past participle)

Active: The brave men had defended the city.

Passive: *The city had been defended by the brave men.*

Active: The little girl had broken the window.

Passive: *The window had been broken by the little girl.*

The Simple Future Passive:

will + be + verb3 (past participle)

Active: We will take the horses to the stable.

Passive: The horses will be taken to the stable.

Active: Will the manager sign the contract tomorrow

Passive: Will the contract be signed by the manager tomorrow?

(be) going to:

am/is/are + going to + be + verb3 (past participle)

Active: My friends are going to invite me.

Passive: I am going to be invited by my friends.

Active: Is the government going to build a new factory here?

Passive: Is a new factory going to be built here by the government?

may, must, can, could
ought to, should, (have to/ has to) + be + verb3 + (past participle)

Active: Our English teacher may give an exam today.

Passive: An exam may be given by our English teacher today.

Active: Do you have to pay the bill before leaving the restaurant?

Passive: Does the bill have to be paid before leaving the restaurant?

Active: Jennifer can give them some information about the ruins.

Passive: Some information can be given about the ruins by Jennifer.

(or)

They can be given some information about the ruins by Jennifer.

Active: How can I carry these heavy suitcases?

Passive: How can these heavy suitcases be carried?

Put the following sentences into passive voice.

1. Nobody has answered my questions.

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2. We use this room only for important meetings.

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3. Controls will reduce the cost of living soon.

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4. Michael made the room very attractive.

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5. Didn't Betty tidy her room yesterday?
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6. They mustn't pick the flowers in the park.
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7. Sally has drunk a glass of milk and has eaten a few apples.
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8. Do many students use the school library?
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9. They do not admit children under twelve.
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10. How many goals has Maradona scored for his team?
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11. What do you usually do when you are broke?
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12. My father brought the meat and my mother cooked the vegetables.
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13. Does the milkman bring the milk to their house everyday?
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14. They are going to continue their policy in the future.
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15. The company didn't fire the new workers.
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16. Someone has left this dictionary in the library today.
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17. Had the polite recorded all the robbery reports?
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18. Where has she seen the wolf?
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19. Nobody can solve this problem.
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20. What were the students writing when the teacher came in?
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