

Eng 202: Unit 8: lesson4: Passive voice with modals

We use the passive voice to focus on the person/ thing that the action happens to - rather than the person/thing that acts.

Example:

Active: You should trust employees to do their jobs.

Passive: **Employees should be trusted** to do their jobs.

Modals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can / could/ may/ might/will/ would/shall/ should/ must. • Semi modals: Used to/ have to/ need to.
The rule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modal or semi modal +be+ past participle. • Example: The team should be given more responsibilities.
Usage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We use modals to show if we believe something is certain, possible or impossible: examples: • My key must be in the car. • It might rain tomorrow. • I used to get up early when I was a student.

Q1: Rewrite the sentences using the passive voice.

1. You should finish the work before you leave. -----

2. They could feel the earthquake 20 km away. -----

3. They might give him an award. -----

4. You should answer the easy questions first.-----

5. They'll pay me at the end of the month. -----

Q2: Spot the mistake and correct it.

1. Your bicycle be could sold.

2. It must finished be today.
