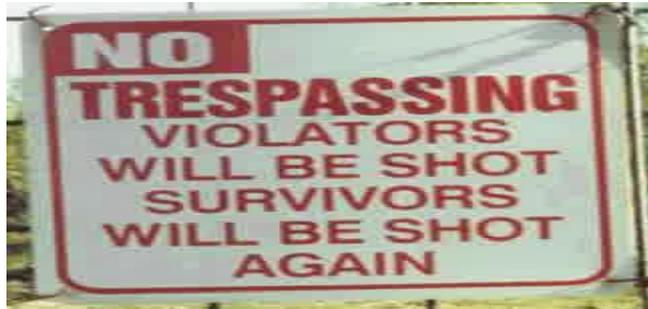


**CHAPTER III  
ACTIVE AND PASSIVE VOICE**



There are two special forms for verbs called **voice**:

1. **Active voice**
2. **Passive voice**

The **active voice** is the "normal" voice. This is the voice that we use most of the time. You are probably already familiar with the active voice. In the active voice, the **object** receives the action of the verb:

	subject	verb	object
<b>active</b>	>		
	Cats	eat	Fish.

The **passive voice** is less usual. In the passive voice, the **subject** receives the action of the verb:

	subject	verb	object
<b>passive</b>	<		
	Fish	are eaten	by cats.

The **object** of the active verb becomes the **subject** of the passive verb:

	subject	verb	Object

<b>active</b>	Everybody	drinks	<b>Water.</b>
<b>passive</b>	<b>Water</b>	is drunk	by everybody.

### Passive Voice

The passive voice is less usual than the active voice. The active voice is the "normal" voice. But sometimes we need the passive voice. In this lesson we look at how to construct the passive voice, when to use it and how to conjugate it.

#### *Construction of the Passive Voice*

The structure of the **passive voice** is very simple:

#### **Subject + auxiliary verb (be) + main verb (past participle)**

The main verb is **always** in its past participle form. Look at these examples:

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>AUXILIARY VERB (TO BE)</b>	<b>MAIN VERB (PAST PARTICIPLE)</b>	
Water	Is	Drunk	by everyone.
100 people	Are	employed	by this company.
I	Am	Paid	in euro.
We	Are	not paid	in dollars.
Are	They	Paid	in yen?

#### *Use of the Passive Voice*

We use the passive when:

- we want to make the **active object** more important
- we do not know the **active subject**

	<b>subject</b>	<b>verb</b>	<b>object</b>
give importance to	<b>President Kennedy</b>	was killed	by Lee Harvey Oswald.

active object (President Kennedy)			
active subject unknown	My wallet	has been stolen.	?

Note that we always use **by** to introduce the **passive object** (Fish are eaten **by** cats).

Look at this sentence:

- He was killed **with** a gun.

Normally we use **by** to introduce the passive object. But the gun is not the active subject. The gun did not kill him. He was killed **by** somebody **with** a gun. In the active voice, it would be: Somebody killed him **with** a gun. The gun is the instrument. Somebody is the "agent" or "doer".

### *Conjugation for the Passive Voice*

We can form the passive in any tense. In fact, conjugation of verbs in the passive tense is rather easy, as the main verb is always in past participle form and the auxiliary verb is always **be**. To form the required tense, we conjugate the auxiliary verb. So, for example:

- present simple: It **is** made
- present continuous: It **is being** made
- present perfect: It **has been** made

Here are some examples with most of the possible tenses:

Infinitive		<b>to be</b> washed
simple	Present	It <b>is</b> washed.
	Past	It <b>was</b> washed.

	Future	It <b>will be</b> washed.
	conditional	It <b>would be</b> washed.
continuous	Present	It <b>is being</b> washed.
	Past	It <b>was being</b> washed.
	Future	It <b>will be being</b> washed.
	conditional	It <b>would be being</b> washed.
perfect simple	Present	It <b>has been</b> washed.
	Past	It <b>had been</b> washed.
	Future	It <b>will have been</b> washed.
	conditional	It <b>would have been</b> washed.
perfect continuous	Present	It <b>has been being</b> washed.
	Past	It <b>had been being</b> washed.
	Future	It <b>will have been being</b> washed.
	conditional	It <b>would have been being</b> washed.

NO	ACTIVE AND PASSIVE VOICE EXERCISE & FORMULA		TENSES
	ACTIVE SENTENCE	PASSIVE SENTENCE	
	SUBJECT+VERB+OBJECT	SUBJECT+TO BE/BE + V3	
1	Azzam eats mango	Mango is eaten by Azzam	Simple present
2	Badu kicked the boy	The boy was kicked by Badu	Simple past
3	Ali helps Bejo		
4	Ali is helping Bejo		
5	Ali has helped Bejo		
6	Ali helped Bejo		
7	Ali was helping Bejo		
8	Ali had helped Bejo		
9	Ali will help Bejo		
10	Ali is going to help Bejo		
11	Ali will have helped Bejo		
NO	More Challenging Assignment: Change These Active Forms Into Passive Voice		
1	Shakespeare wrote that play		
2	Bambang is preparing that report		
3	Samidi has left the building.		
4	The teacher is going to explain the lesson		
5	Santi will invite Siti to the party		
6	Two horses were pulling the farmer's wagon		
7	His tricks will not fool me.		
8	Andi had returned the book to the library.		
9	The ancient mariner will tell the story of the albatross.		
10	Ben gave the dog a bath.		
WHAT ABOUT THESE SENTENCES? ☺ :D			
THE MEDICINE CONTAINS VITAMINS		I SLEEP THERE.	
I AM BEAUTIFUL		SHE DIES	