







Exceptions in Active Passive Voice - Advanced Cases

Almost all banking and other Government sector exams ask you questions related to Active Passive Voice. In most SSC exams, you are sure to find questions on **Usage & Types of Active and Passive voice**, be it **SSC CGL**, **CHSL**, **Stenographe**r or others. **Error Spotting** or **Phrase Replacement** type questions test whether you know the **rules of Converting the Voice**, **Exceptions in Active Passive Voice**, **etc.**

This article will provide you with Exceptions in Active Passive voice so that you do not end up gatting confused because of knowing only the <u>Basics of Active Passive voice</u>.

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Now let us study the exceptions in active passive voice, in detail.

Reasons for Using Exceptions in Active Passive Voice:

The basic structure of Active Passive Voice varies depending upon many factors like type of verbs used, prepositions, gerunds, etc. Now let us understand when and why we need to use the following exceptions. Consider these cases:

CASE 1:















Voice	Subject	Verb	Indirect Object
Active	Raj	completed	the work.
Passive	The work	was completed	<u>by</u> Raj.

CASE 2:

	Voice	Subject	Verb	Indirect Object
1	Active	Raj	knew	Riya
	Passive	Riya	was known	<u>to</u> Raj.

From case 1 and 2, we see that the preposition 'by' is changed. This is because for some verbs we need to use some other preposition instead of 'by'. All such exceptions are given below:

1. Use preposition 'At' instead of 'by'

For the sentences with 'surprised, annoyed, shocked, alarmed, disappointed, displeased, distressed, astonished, laughed' as main verb.













Active: His behavior annoyed me.

Passive: I was annoyed at his behavior.

2. Use preposition 'To' instead of 'by'

For the sentences with 'married, known, obliged' as the main verbs.



Active: Karan married Bipasha.

Passive: Bipasha was married to Karan.

3. Use preposition 'with' instead of 'by'









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For the sentences with 'pleased, disgusted, impressed, charmed, etc.' as the main verbs.



Active: Her performance impressed us.

Passive: We were impressed with her performance.

4. Use preposition 'in' instead of 'by'

For the sentences with 'interested, consisted, absorbed, contained, etc.' as the main verbs.



Active: This topic might interest students.

Passive: Students might be interested in this topic.









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5. Use of 'when'

For the sentences with 'smell, taste, feel, etc.' as the main verbs.



Active: Honey tastes sweet.

Passive: Honey is sweet when tasted.

We hope that this article on different **exceptions for Active and Passive Voice** will clear all your doubts related to Active Passive Voice and its usage. Please comment below if you have any questions.

Types of Active Passive Voice

Basics of Direct Indirect Speech



