

Passive Voice

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ACTIVE AND PASSIVE VOICE

voice

ACTIVE

(what the subject does)

The hunter killed the lion.

PASSIVE

(The focus is on the action)

The lion was killed by the hunter.

VOZ ATIVA: ENFATIZAR O SUJEITO DA AÇÃO

*Shakespeare **wrote** lots of plays.*

VOZ PASSIVA: ENFATIZAR O OBJETO DA AÇÃO

*Lots of plays **were written** by Shakespeare.*

- O sujeito da oração na voz ativa (Shakespeare) passa a ser o agente da passiva, assim como da oração na voz passiva (lots of plays) passa a ser o sujeito da passiva.
- O agente da passiva (by Shakespeare) pode não ser mencionado quando o sujeito da voz ativa não for importante ou for desconhecido ou indeterminado ou quando for óbvio.

EXAMPLES:

Workers are building a new supermarket two blocks from my house. – voz ativa

A new supermarket is being built two blocks from my house. – voz passiva

The postman delivered the letter early this morning. – voz ativa

The letter was delivered early this morning. – voz passiva



Voz ativa

Simple present

*I **write** letters to my friends.*

Voz passiva

am/is/are + past participle

*Letters **are written** to my friends by me.*

Voz ativa

Simple past

*Freud **won** the elections.*

Voz passiva

was/were + past participle

*The elections **were won** by Freud.*

Voz ativa

Present continuous

*People **are speaking** different languages*

Voz passiva

am/is/are being + past participle

*Different languages **are being spoken**.*

Voz ativa

Past continuous

*They **were fighting** against the laws.*

Voz passiva

was/were being + past participle

*The laws **were being fought** against.*

Voz ativa

Simple future

*Antony **will write** another novel.*

Voz passiva

will be + past participle

*Another novel **will be written** by Antony.*

Voz ativa

Simple conditional

*Clark **would send** the mail if he had the address.*

Voz passiva

would be + past participle

*The mail **would be sent** by Clark if he had the address.*

Voz ativa

Present perfect

I have achieved my aims.

Voz passiva

has / have been + past participle

My aims have been achieved.

Voz ativa

Past perfect

Caroline had worked on the project.

Voz passiva

had been + past participle

The project had been worked on by Caroline.

| Tense | Active voice | Passive voice | Active sentence | Passive equivalent |
|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--|--|
| Simple present | keep | is kept | I keep the butter in the fridge. | The butter is kept in the fridge. |
| Present continuous | is keeping | is being kept | Mike is keeping my house tidy. | My house is being kept tidy. |
| Simple past | kept | was kept | Carol kept her schedule meticulously. | Carol's schedule was kept meticulously. |
| Past continuous | was keeping | was being kept | The theater was keeping a seat for you. | A seat was being kept for you. |
| Present perfect | have kept | have been kept | I have kept all your old letters. | All your old letters have been kept. |
| Past perfect | had kept | had been kept | He had kept up his training regimen for a month. | His training regimen had been kept up for a month. |

Active Voice - Passive Voice

a) They can take the book. The book can be taken by them.

b) You must obey the rules. The rules must be obeyed by you.

c) My friends broke the window. The window was
broken.

d) We will give gifts. Gifts will be given.

e) They were cleaning the room. The room was being cleaned by them.

Active Voice (dois objetos – direto/indireto) - Passive Voice

a) He will give her a wedding ring.

A wedding ring will be given to her by him.

She will be given a wedding ring by him.

b) I told them the truth.

The truth was told to them by me.

They were told the truth by me.

c) She offered Nina a job.

A job was offered to Nina by her.

Nina was offered a job by her.