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Passive Voice

Explanation of the Passive Voice

- Use the passive voice to focus on the action rather than the subject.
- In passive sentences, the object of an active sentence becomes the subject.
- Form the passive voice with the verb “to be” in the appropriate tense, followed by the past participle of the main verb.

Structure

- Active Voice: Subject + Verb + Object
 - Example: The teacher (subject) teaches (verb) the lesson (object).
- Passive Voice: Object + "to be" + Past Participle + (by + Subject)
 - Example: The lesson (subject) is taught (verb) by the teacher (object).

Examples

Present Simple:

- Active: They make cars in Asia.
- Passive: Cars are made in Asia.

Past Simple:

- Active: I wrote the story.
- Passive: The story was written by me.

Present Continuous:

- Active: The company is building a new apartment building.
- Passive: A new apartment building is being built.

Past Continuous:

- Active: He was tidying up the living room.
- Passive: The living room was being tidied up.

Present Perfect:

- Active: They have finished the film.
- Passive: The film has been finished.

Past Perfect:

- Active: She had completed her homework.
- Passive: Her homework had been completed.

Future Simple:

Active: They will deliver the package.
Passive: The package will be delivered.



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Directions: Convert the following sentences into the passive voice.

1. They grow coffee in South America and Africa.

2. The barista is preparing the coffee.

3. Regina has completed the homework.

4. The company will launch a new product next year.

5. The construction workers were building the house when I drove by.

6. Teachers explain lessons.

7. The police arrested the wrong person.

8. She will bake some muffins.

9. The students are doing the assigned work.

10. The manager approved the pay raises.



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11. The committee had reviewed the proposal for the new website.

12. My friends are playing basketball at the park.

13. They have opened a new café.

14. The CEO will sign the contract later this afternoon.

15. The artist painted a beautiful landscape.

16. They are discussing the problem as we speak.

17. The volunteers are planting trees.

18. She wrote the email yesterday morning.

19. The engineer had completed the blueprints.

20. They will organize the music festival.



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21. The government is voting on the new policies.

22. The plumber is fixing the shower.

23. They have just announced the results.

24. The writer will release a new short story.

25. The professor is describing an interesting subject.



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Answer Key

1. Coffee is grown in South America and Africa.
2. The coffee is being prepared (by the barista).
3. The homework has been completed (by Regina).
4. A new product will be launched (by the company) next year.
5. The house was being built (by the construction workers) when I drove by.
6. Lessons are explained (by teachers).
7. The wrong person was arrested (by the police).
8. Some muffins will be baked (by her).
9. The assigned work is being done (by the students).
10. The pay raises were approved (by the manager).
11. The proposal for the new website had been reviewed (by the committee).
12. Basketball is being played at the park (by my friends).
13. A new café has been opened (by them).
14. The contract will be signed (by the CEO) later this afternoon.
15. A beautiful landscape was painted (by the artist).
16. The problem is being discussed (by them) as we speak.
17. Trees are being planted (by the volunteers).
18. The email was written (by her) yesterday morning.
19. The blueprints had been completed (by the engineer).
20. The music festival will be organized (by them).
21. The new policies are being voted on (by the government).
22. The shower is being fixed (by the plumber).
23. The results have just been announced (by them).
24. A new short story will be released (by the writer).
25. An interesting subject is being described (by the professor).