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صيغتا المعلوم والمجهول والبحث العلمي

Active and Passive Voices and Scientific Research

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1.1.

Introduction



Voice, in **grammar**, form of a verb indicating the relation between the participants in a narrated event (**subject**, **object**) and the event itself.

voice

- subject
- object
- the event

• تبني الجملة على المعلوم حينما يكون المؤدي للحدث (الفاعل) مذكوراً قبل الفعل.

• تبني الجملة على المجهول حينما يكون المتأثر بالحديث (المفعول به) مذكوراً قبل الفعل.

Examples

The girl wrote a short story.

(مبني للعلوم active voice)

المفعول به الفعل الفاعل

A short story was written.

(مبني للمجهول مختصر short passive)

فاعل جملة المجهول الفعل

A short story was written by the girl.

(passive voice
مبني للمجهول)



1.2.

When to use passive voice?

مثال	استخدام صيغة المجهول
<u>My bag was stolen yesterday.</u>	1. الفاعل غير معروف
<u>My message is received.</u>	2. الفاعل معروف لدى المتكلم والمخاطب
<u>The building was constructed in 1940.</u>	3. لا أهمية لذكر الفاعل
Yesterday <u>our English teacher gave us a test</u> and next week <u>we are given another one.</u>	4. الفاعل مذكور سابقا
<u>Literature books can be borrowed from the college library</u>	5. الفاعل يهم عامة الناس
<u>Tourists are not allowed after 10:00 p.m.</u>	6. لإضفاء نبرة السلطة

1.3.

Object Pronouns

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subject pronoun ضمير الفاعل	object pronoun ضمير المفعول به	subject pronoun ضمير الفاعل	object pronoun ضمير المفعول به
I	me	you	you
he	him	you	you
she	her	we	us
it	it	they	them

1.4.

Passive voice (types 1 & 2)

Active voice



Passive voice of active sentence (type 1)

active
sentence

(1)

subject

main verb

object

example: He answers the question.

present

passive
sentence

be

(main verb tense and
object number)

(past participle)

by +

The

is/are

answered

by

him

singular



Passive voice of active sentence (type 2)

active
sentence

(2)

subject

helping
verb

main verb

object

example: He is answering the questions.

passive
sentence

(object number)

be
(main verb
additions)

(past participle)

by +

The

plural

are

being

answered by him



1.5.

Passive voice with different tenses

صيغة المجهول لمختلف الأزمنة

1
Simple
present
المضارع
البسيط

active: **Jenifer feeds the kids.**

passive: **The kids are fed by Jenifer.**

active: **They play tennis.**

passive: **Tennis is played by them.**

2
Simple
past
الماضي
البيسط

active: Jenifer fed the kids.

passive: **The kids were fed by Jenifer.**

active: They played tennis.

passive: **Tennis was played by them.**

3
Future
simple
المستقبل
البسيط

active: **Jenifer will feed the kids.**

passive: **The kids will be fed by Jenifer.**

active: **They will play tennis.**

passive: **Tennis will be played by them.**

4
Present perfect
المضارع
التام

active: **Jenifer has fed the kids.**

passive: **The kids have been fed by Jenifer.**

active: **They have played tennis.**

passive: **Tennis has been played by them.**

5
Past
perfect
الماضي
التام

active: **Jenifer had fed the kids.**

passive: **The kids had been fed by Jenifer.**

active: **They had played tennis.**

passive: **Tennis had been played by them.**

6
Future
perfect

المستقبل
التام

active: **Jenifer will have fed the kids.**

passive: **The kids will have been fed by Jenifer.**

active: **They will have played tennis.**

passive: **Tennis will have been played by them.**

7
Present
continuous

المضارع
المستمر

active: **Jenifer is feeding the kids.**

passive: **The kids are being fed by Jenifer.**

active: **They are playing tennis.**

passive: **Tennis is being played by them.**

8
Past
continuous

الماضي
المستمر

active: **Jenifer was feeding the kids.**

passive: **The kids were being fed by Jenifer.**

active: **They were playing tennis.**

passive: **Tennis was being played by them.**

Tenses with no passive voice

tense	example
1. Future Continuous	Jenifer will be feeding the kids.
2. Present Perfect Continuous	Jenifer has been feeding the kids.
3. Past Perfect Continuous	Jenifer had been feeding the kids.
4. Future Perfect Continuous	Jenifer will have been feeding the kids.
5. Sentences with intransitive verbs	Jenifer slept.

1.6.

Exercises

Exercise: Change the following sentences into the passive voice

1. I will send the message immediately.

The message will be sent immediately.

2. That student has drew amazing portraits for the next exhibition.

Amazing portraits have been drawn by that student for the next exhibition.

3. The workers will have finished the work by end of December.

The work will have been finished by end of December.

4. Two months ago the police had arrested the criminals.

Two months ago the criminals had been arrested by the police.

5. Sandy and Jane will meet the manager at 10 am.

The manager will be met at 10 am. by Sandy and Jane.

The manager will be met at 10 am. by them.

Your turn!

Exercise: Change the following sentences into the passive voice

1. The couple will invite all their friends to the wedding.
2. Fast waves were destroying the beach in the morning.
3. The government is building giant bridges around the country.
4. Doctors and nurses have provided a big help in treating COVID19 patients.
5. The author had written famous novels and short stories.

2.7. Resources

A Short Guide on Scientific Writing <https://xpertscientific.com/style-guide/#style4>

Active or Passive—Which Voice Is Best? <https://www.eliteediting.com.au/active-or-passive/>

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How to Effectively Use Active and Passive Voice in Academic Writing <https://www.enago.com/academy/active-and-passive-voice-in-academic-writing/>

How to effectively use active and passive voice in research writing <https://www.editage.com/insights/how-to-effectively-use-active-and-passive-voice-in-research-writing?refer=scroll-to-2-article>

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The Value of the Passive Voice <http://www.biomedicaeditor.com/passive-voice.html>

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