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The active voice describes a sentence where the subject performs the action stated by the verb. It follows a clear subject + verb + object

With passive voice, the subject is acted upon by the verb

Examples

The teacher asked a question

In the passive voice:

A question was asked by the teacher

Explanation:

The object of the active voice sentence (a question) becomes the subject of the passive voice sentence.

The verb consists of the past simple of the verb to be + past partcipale of the verb in the active voice sentence (asked)

In the present simple, the teacher asks a question

We turn to passive voice we say: a question is asked by the teacher.

| Active voice (Subject pronoun) | Passive voice (object pronoun) |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Ι | me |
| You | You |
| Не | him |
| She | Her |
| It | It |
| We | Us |
| They | Them |

Watch the videos:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_k51tClkh3c

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5pFLxcDG3n

For example: He wrote the letter

The letter was written by him.

We notice that he in the active voice turns to Him in the passive voice.

Active voice

Tells us what a person or thing does. The subject performs the action (verb) on the object.

Subject + verb + object

Example:

- · Anna painted the house.
- The teacher always answers the students' questions.
- · Ali posted the video online.

Passive voice

Tells us what is done to someone or something.

The subject is being acted upon.

Object + verb + subject

Example:

- The house was painted by Anna.
- The students' questions are answered by the teacher.
- The video was posted online by Ali.

Ex01: rewrite the sentences into passive voice in the past

| 1. | She bought four appels / |
|----|----------------------------------|
| | We won the match / |
| 3. | The man stole the blue car/ |
| 4. | Tom and Max ate five hamburgers/ |
| 5. | Grandmother told good stories / |
| 6. | The police arrested the thives/ |
| 7. | Oliver taught the childern / |

Ex 02: rewrite the following sentences into passive voice

- 1. Mr jones watches film.
- 2. The people speaks English.
- *3.* She does the homework.
- **4.** She pays a lot of money
- 5. They do not help you
- **6.** We set the table
- 7. They wear blue shoes

8. I draw a picture