

Active & Passive Voice

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Active Voice

- **Active voice** is when the subject of the sentence performs the action.
- I ate an apple. => Ani Appiliin nyaadhe.
- **Active voice** is generally preferred because it is clearer and more direct.

Passive Voice

- **Passive Voice** is when the subject of the sentence receives the action. It is useful when you want to:
 - Emphasize the object of the action
 - Avoid blaming someone.
 - Create a more formal tone.

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Active & Passive Voice in Present Simple

Subject + Basic form of Tense + Object

Active Voice

Subject (Object of A.V) + Basic form of Tense + By + Object (Subject of A.V)

Examples

- I **play** football. **A.V** => The football **is played** by me. **P.V**
- I **eat** apple everyday. => An apple **is eaten** by me every day.
- She **drinks** coffee in the morning. => Coffee **is drunk** by her in the morning.
- We **play** football on weekends. => Football **is played** by us on weekends.
- They **watch** movies at night. => Movies **are watched** by them at night.

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Active & Passive Voice in Present Continuous

Subject + Basic form of Tense + Object

Active Voice

Subject (Object of A.V) + Basic form of Tense + By + Object (Subject of A.V)

Examples

- I am **eating** an apple. => An apple **is being eaten** by me.
- She is **drinking** coffee. => Coffee **is being drunk** by her.
- We are **playing** soccer. => Soccer **is being played** by us.
- They are **watching** movies. => Movies **are being watched** by them.

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Active & Passive Voice in Past Simple

Subject + Basic form of Tense + Object

Active Voice

Subject (Object of A.V) + Basic form of Tense + By + Object (Subject of A.V)

Examples

- I **ate** an apple yesterday. => An apple **was eaten** by me yesterday.
- She **drank** coffee this morning. => Coffee **was drunk** by her this morning.
- We **played** football last weekend. => Football **was played** by us last weekend.
- They **watched** movies last night. => Movies **were watched** by them last night.

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Active & Passive Voice in Past Continuous

Subject + Basic form of Tense + Object

Active Voice

Subject (Object of A.V) + Basic form of Tense + By + Object (Subject of A.V)

Examples

- I **was eating** an apple. => An apple **was being eaten** by me.
- She **was drinking** coffee. => Coffee **was being drunk** by her.
- We **were playing** football. => Football **was being played** by us.
- They **were watching** movies. => Movies **were being watched** by them.

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Active & Passive Voice in Past Perfect

Subject + Basic form of Tense + Object

Active Voice

Subject (Object of A.V) + Basic form of Tense + By + Object (Subject of A.V)

Examples

- I **had eaten** an apple. => An apple **had been eaten** by me.
- She **had drunk** coffee. => Coffee **had been drunk** by her.
- We **had played** soccer. => Football **had been played** by us.
- They **had watched** movies. => Movies **had been watched** by them.

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Active & Passive Voice in Present Perfect

Subject + Basic form of Tense + Object

Active Voice

Subject (Object of A.V) + Basic form of Tense + By + Object (Subject of A.V)

Examples

- I **will eat** an apple. => An apple **will be eaten** by me.
- She **will drink** coffee. => Coffee **will be drunk** by her.
- We **will play** soccer. => Soccer **will be played** by us.
- They **will watch** movies. => Movies **will be watched** by them.

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