

VOICES

What Is Voice in Grammar?

Voice refers to the form of a verb that shows whether the subject performs the action or receives it.

The two main types:

Active Voice

Passive Voice

Active Voice

The subject of the sentence performs the action.

Structure: *Subject + Verb + Object*

Example: *The cat (subject) chased (verb) the mouse (object).*

Passive Voice

The subject of the sentence receives the action.

Structure: *Subject + form of "to be" + past participle + by + agent (optional)*

Example: *The mouse (subject) was chased (verb) by the cat (agent).*

Active vs. Passive Voice

Active Voice

The subject does the action.

Example: *The teacher (subject) explained (verb) the lesson (object).*

Passive Voice

The subject receives the action.

Example: *The lesson (subject) was explained (verb) by the teacher (agent).*

Converting Active to Passive

Title: How to Convert Active to Passive Voice

Steps to convert:

- * Identify the subject, verb, and object in the active sentence.
- * Move the object to the subject position.
- * Use the correct form of the verb "to be."
- * Add the past participle of the main verb.

Optional: Add the agent with "by."

Practice Time!

Convert these active sentences to passive

The chef cooked the meal.

The committee approved the proposal.

The children played the game.

Impersonal Passive Voice

Impersonal passive voice is used when the subject of the sentence is unknown, general, or irrelevant, and there is no specific agent performing the action.

Structure: It + passive verb (without specifying the agent).

Example: It is said that he is a good teacher.

Key Features of Impersonal Passive Voice

The sentence often starts with "It" as a dummy subject. The verb is in the passive form. The agent (performer of the action) is often omitted or not specified.

Common in generalizations or when the agent is unknown or irrelevant.

Examples of Impersonal Passive Voice

Title: Examples of Impersonal Passive Voice

It is believed that she will succeed.

It is expected that the event will be cancelled.

It is reported that the economy is improving.

Impersonal Passive in Different Tenses

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Present Tense: *It is said that she is a talented artist.*

Past Tense: *It was believed that he had left the country.*

Future Tense: *It will be reported that the meeting is postponed.*

Practice Time!

Convert the following sentences into impersonal passive:

People say she is the best in the class.

They report that the weather is going to improve.

The scientists believe that the experiment was a success.