



## INDIAN SCHOOL AL WADI AL KABIR

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Children are eagerly looking forward to Diwali and thinking about the things they will do.

Tia: **I** will make a Rangoli in front of my house.

Raj: **We** buy new clothes and crackers.

Ram: **My parents** clean and decorate home for Diwali.

In these sentences, there is **a subject, verb and an object**.

The doers of the underlined actions are the highlighted subjects.

The object is the person or thing affected by the action.

A verb that needs one or more objects to complete its action is known as a transitive verb.



Transitive verbs have two forms: **Active and Passive**.

**In the active voice, the focus is on the subject performing the action.**

**People celebrate** Diwali with great joy and enthusiasm.



Here the focus is on the subject, people, performing the action of celebrating the festival Diwali. However, note that not all sentences in the active voice require an object.

Vineet plays football. (object-football)

Vineet plays well. (No object)

**In the passive voice, the focus shifts to the object of the active voice.** The object is now placed at the beginning of the sentence and becomes the new subject. This subject, however, does not perform the action but receives the action of the verb. Verbs that have no object (no one to “receive” the action) cannot be put into the passive voice.

**Diwali is celebrated** by people with great joy and enthusiasm.

**Lots of sweets will be shared.**

**Candles and diyas will be lighted.**



### Rules for changing active voice into passive voice.

- The subject of the verb in the active voice is made the object of the verb in the passive voice and vice versa.

The car overtook the bus. (active voice)

The bus was overtaken by the car. (passive voice)

- The verb in the active voice is always changed to the past participle form of the verb in the passive voice. The verb changes to *be + past participle*.

Sima wrote a letter. (active voice)

A letter was written by Sima. (passive voice)

- The doer of the action is omitted or is introduced with *by*.

The man rowed the boat. (active voice)

The boat was rowed by the man. (passive voice)

- Personal pronouns change their form.

She selected Arun for the debating team.

Arun was selected by her for the debating team.

Noorie gave me a lift back home.

I was given a lift back home by Noorie.

**Study this table to understand how the verb is changed into the passive form in different tenses.**

| Tense              | Active voice                        | Passive voice                               |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| Simple present     | Tina <b>bakes</b> a cake.           | A cake <b>is baked</b> by Tina.             |
| Present continuous | Tina <b>is baking</b> a cake.       | A cake <b>is being baked</b> by Tina.       |
| Present perfect    | Tina <b>has baked</b> a cake.       | A cake <b>has been baked</b> by Tina.       |
| Simple past        | Tina <b>baked</b> a cake.           | A cake <b>was baked</b> by Tina.            |
| Past continuous    | Tina <b>was baking</b> a cake.      | A cake <b>was being baked</b> by Tina.      |
| Past perfect       | Tina <b>had baked</b> a cake.       | A cake <b>had been baked</b> by Tina.       |
| Simple future      | Tina <b>will bake</b> a cake.       | A cake <b>will be baked</b> by Tina.        |
| Future perfect     | Tina <b>will have baked</b> a cake. | A cake <b>will have been baked</b> by Tina. |

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#### Exercise:1

**Underline the verbs in these sentences and state whether they are in the active voice or the passive voice.**

- The puppy will be picked up by the child.

2. We buy books and magazines every weekend.
3. A confectioner sells cakes and sweets.
4. I shall sell all the boxes today.
5. The letters were delivered by the postman.
6. The angry mob was controlled by the police.
7. The teacher scolded Vivek for coming late.
8. All the chocolates were eaten by the children.
9. The windowpane is broken.
10. People fear that prices are going to rise further.

**Exercise:2**

**Change these sentences from the active voice into the passive voice.**

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1. Kelly and Kate bought these flowers.
2. The woman handed out pamphlets to the students.
3. You should maintain silence in the library.
4. Kunal cleans his room every morning.
5. The wind caused severe damage to the plants.
6. The mother is feeding the daughter.
7. The police have found my bicycle.
8. The school authorities have prohibited the use of mobile phones.
9. Firemen wear special fire-resistant clothing.
10. The civic body is planning a new road near our school.
11. Who taught you German?
12. My mother gave a book to Mohan.
13. Has someone informed his family?
14. Can you answer this question?
15. Who called the police?

**Exercise:3**

**Rewrite this paragraph in the active voice.**

A cricket match was organised by the Association on Sunday. The ground near the school was selected by them. The ground was cleaned for the match by the students. Many chairs were arranged by the event manager. The refreshments were prepared by the parents of the players in the two teams. All the seats were occupied by the audience. Soon the whistle was blown by the umpire.



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