

## 2.6 IMPERSONAL PASSIVE

### Active voice

When the verb shows that the person or thing does something

Example

✚ He wrote a letter

### Passive voice

When the verb shows that something is done to the person or thing

Example

✚ A letter was written by him

*When the active voice is changed into passive, the object of the sentence is changed into subject of the passive voice*

### Change of pronouns

Active voice	Passive voice
I	Me
We	Us
You	You
He	Him
She	Her
It	It

## SIMPLE PRESENT

S+am/is/are+p.p. V+by+o

+ He(s)/eats(v) /a mango(o)

A mango is eaten by him

*Other examples:*

+ He calls me

I am called by him

+ They eat mangoes

Mangoes are eaten by him

## PRESENT CONTINUOUS

S+am/is/are+being +ppv+by+o

Example

+ He is eating a mango

A mango is being eaten by him

+ They are eating mangoes

Mangoes are being eaten by them

## PRESENT PERFECT

S+ has/have+been+ppv+by+o

+ He has eaten a mango

A mango has been eaten by him

+ They have eaten mangoes

Mangoes have been eaten by them

## SIMPLE PAST

S+was/were+ppv+by+o

+ He ate a mango

A mango was eaten by him

+ They ate mangoes

Mangoes were eaten by them

## PAST CONTINUOUS

S+was/were+being+ppv+by+o

+ He was eating a mango

A mango was being eaten by him

+ They were eating mangoes

Mangoes were being eaten by them

## PAST PERFECT

S+had+been+ppv+by+o

+ He had eaten a mango

A mango had been eaten by him

+ They had eaten mangoes

Mangoes had been eaten by them

## SIMPLE FUTURE

S+shall/will/can/may+be+ppv+by+o

+ He will eat a mango

A mango will be eaten by him

+ I can do the work

The work can be done by me

**FUTURE PERFECT**

S+shall/will+have+ been+ppv+by+o

✚ He will have eaten a mango

A mango will have been eaten by him

**IMPERSONAL PASSIVE**

It has no agent (by is not used)

✚ They have announced the results

The results have been announced

✚ By and object should not be used in impersonal passive

**Exercises:**

- 1) They are constructing a new bridge across the river
- 2) The engineers have introduced many innovations in aeronautical industry
- 3) They have successfully installed the new machinery in the factory
- 4) A skilled operator can carry out operations on a CNC machine
- 5) The panel is receiving the performance of the employees
- 6) The mechanics use thin grease as a lubricant in ball bearings
- 7) Someone will speak Japanese at the meeting
- 8) The company employed many workers this year
- 9) The industry generates heat for welding in many ways
- 10) We welded two metal plates together

**Answers**

- 1) A new bridge is being constructed across the river.
- 2) Many innovations have been introduced in aeronautical industry.
- 3) The new machinery has successfully been installed.

- 4) Operations can be carried out on a machine.
- 5) The performance of the employees is being reviewed.
- 6) Thin grease is used as a lubricant in ball bearings.
- 7) Japanese will be spoken at the meeting.
- 8) Many workers were employed this year
- 9) Heat is generated for welding in many ways.
- 10) Two metal plates were welded together.

