# 100 Examples of Voice Change with Analysis

# **Active to Passive**

1.

**Active:** She writes a letter.

Passive: A letter is written by her.

Analysis: Present simple → "writes"

becomes "is written". Object "a

letter" becomes subject.

2.

**Active:** They play football.

Passive: Football is played by them. Analysis: Present simple plural → "play" changes to "is played".

3.

**Active:** He is reading a book.

**Passive:** A book is being read by him. **Analysis:** Present continuous  $\rightarrow$  "is

reading" changes to "is being read".

4.

**Active:** The teacher teaches English.

Passive: English is taught by the

teacher.

**Analysis:** Present simple → "teaches"

becomes "is taught".

**5.** 

**Active:** She is singing a song.

**Passive:** A song is being sung by her. **Analysis:** Present continuous  $\rightarrow$  "is

singing"  $\rightarrow$  "is being sung".

6.

**Active:** He has completed the work.

Passive: The work has been

completed by him.

**Analysis:** Present perfect  $\rightarrow$  "has

completed"  $\rightarrow$  "has been completed".

**Active:** They are watching a movie.

**Passive:** A movie is being watched by

them.

**Analysis:** Present continuous  $\rightarrow$  "are watching"  $\rightarrow$  "is being watched".

## 8.

**Active:** She cooks dinner every day.

Passive: Dinner is cooked by her

every day.

**Analysis:** Habitual present simple  $\rightarrow$ 

"cooks"  $\rightarrow$  "is cooked".

# 9.

Active: He was cleaning the room.

Passive: The room was being cleaned

by him.

Analysis: Past continuous  $\rightarrow$  "was cleaning"  $\rightarrow$  "was being cleaned".

#### 10.

**Active:** The boy broke the window.

Passive: The window was broken by

the boy.

**Analysis:** Past simple  $\rightarrow$  "broke"  $\rightarrow$ 

"was broken".

#### 11.

**Active:** They had finished the project.

Passive: The project had been

finished by them.

**Analysis:** Past perfect  $\rightarrow$  "had finished"  $\rightarrow$  "had been finished".

#### 12.

**Active:** He will write a poem.

Passive: A poem will be written by

him.

**Analysis:** Future simple → "will

write"  $\rightarrow$  "will be written".

#### 13.

**Active:** They will help us.

Passive: We will be helped by them.

**Analysis:** Future simple → "will

help" → "will be helped".

#### 14.

**Active:** She can solve the problem.

**Passive:** The problem can be solved

by her.

**Analysis:** Modal verb → "can solve"

 $\rightarrow$  "can be solved".

**Active:** They must complete the work.

**Passive:** The work must be completed by them.

**Analysis:** Modal verb  $\rightarrow$  "must complete"  $\rightarrow$  "must be completed".

#### 16.

**Active:** People speak English all over the world.

**Passive:** English is spoken all over the world.

**Analysis:** General truth present simple  $\rightarrow$  "speak"  $\rightarrow$  "is spoken".

# 17.

**Active:** He is repairing the car.

**Passive:** The car is being repaired by him.

**Analysis:** Present continuous  $\rightarrow$  "is repairing"  $\rightarrow$  "is being repaired".

# **18.**

Active: They were playing cricket.

Passive: Cricket was being played by

them.

**Analysis:** Past continuous → "were playing" → "was being played".

#### **19.**

**Active:** She has written many poems. **Passive:** Many poems have been written by her.

Analysis: Present perfect plural → "has written" → "have been written".

#### 20.

**Active:** The police arrested the thief. **Passive:** The thief was arrested by the police.

**Analysis:** Past simple → "arrested" → "was arrested".

# 21.

**Active:** They are building a bridge. **Passive:** A bridge is being built by them.

**Analysis:** Present continuous  $\rightarrow$  "are building"  $\rightarrow$  "is being built".

#### 22.

**Active:** She painted the picture. **Passive:** The picture was painted by her.

**Analysis:** Past simple  $\rightarrow$  "painted"  $\rightarrow$  "was painted".

**Active:** He has eaten the mango.

Passive: The mango has been eaten

by him.

**Analysis:** Present perfect  $\rightarrow$  "has

eaten"  $\rightarrow$  "has been eaten".

## 24.

**Active:** The gardener waters the

plants.

**Passive:** The plants are watered by

the gardener.

**Analysis:** Present simple → "waters"

 $\rightarrow$  "are watered".

# **25.**

**Active:** She will deliver the speech.

Passive: The speech will be delivered

by her.

**Analysis:** Future simple → "will

deliver" → "will be delivered".

# **26.**

**Active:** They had completed the

work.

Passive: The work had been

completed by them.

**Analysis:** Past perfect → "had

completed" → "had been completed".

#### 27.

**Active:** He is writing a story.

Passive: A story is being written by

him.

**Analysis:** Present continuous  $\rightarrow$  "is

writing"  $\rightarrow$  "is being written".

#### 28.

**Active:** She was singing a song.

Passive: A song was being sung by

her.

**Analysis:** Past continuous → "was

singing"  $\rightarrow$  "was being sung".

# **29.**

Active: They will finish the project

soon.

Passive: The project will be finished

soon by them.

**Analysis:** Future simple → "will

finish"  $\rightarrow$  "will be finished".

#### **30.**

**Active:** He can drive the car.

**Passive:** The car can be driven by

him

**Analysis:** Modal verb → "can drive"

 $\rightarrow$  "can be driven".

Active: People admire brave men.

Passive: Brave men are admired.

**Analysis:** Present simple → "admire"

 $\rightarrow$  "are admired".

# **32**.

**Active:** She was cooking dinner.

Passive: Dinner was being cooked by

her.

**Analysis:** Past continuous  $\rightarrow$  "was cooking"  $\rightarrow$  "was being cooked".

#### 33.

**Active:** They have won the match.

**Passive:** The match has been won by

them.

**Analysis:** Present perfect  $\rightarrow$  "have

won"  $\rightarrow$  "has been won".

#### 34.

Active: He will buy a new car.

Passive: A new car will be bought by

him.

**Analysis:** Future simple → "will buy"

 $\rightarrow$  "will be bought".

#### 35.

**Active:** She is watching TV.

**Passive:** TV is being watched by her. **Analysis:** Present continuous  $\rightarrow$  "is watching"  $\rightarrow$  "is being watched".

#### 36.

**Active:** They had written the letter.

Passive: The letter had been written

by them.

**Analysis:** Past perfect  $\rightarrow$  "had written"  $\rightarrow$  "had been written".

#### 37.

**Active:** He teaches mathematics.

**Passive:** Mathematics is taught by

him.

**Analysis:** Present simple → "teaches"

 $\rightarrow$  "is taught".

#### 38.

**Active:** She was cleaning the room.

Passive: The room was being cleaned

by her.

Analysis: Past continuous  $\rightarrow$  "was cleaning"  $\rightarrow$  "was being cleaned".

**Active:** They will solve the problem. **Passive:** The problem will be solved

by them.

**Analysis:** Future simple  $\rightarrow$  "will solve"  $\rightarrow$  "will be solved".

#### **40.**

Active: He could play the piano.

**Passive:** The piano could be played by him.

**Analysis:** Modal verb  $\rightarrow$  "could play"  $\rightarrow$  "could be played".

# 41.

**Active:** The students are writing essays.

**Passive:** Essays are being written by the students.

**Analysis:** Present continuous  $\rightarrow$  "are writing"  $\rightarrow$  "are being written".

# **42.**

**Active:** She opened the door.

**Passive:** The door was opened by her. **Analysis:** Past simple  $\rightarrow$  "opened"  $\rightarrow$ 

"was opened".

## 43.

**Active:** He has solved the question.

Passive: The question has been

solved by him.

**Analysis:** Present perfect  $\rightarrow$  "has solved"  $\rightarrow$  "has been solved".

#### 44.

Active: The farmer grows rice.

Passive: Rice is grown by the farmer.

Analysis: Present simple → "grows"

→ "is grown".

#### 45.

**Active:** They will organize the event.

Passive: The event will be organized

by them.

**Analysis:** Future simple  $\rightarrow$  "will organize"  $\rightarrow$  "will be organized".

#### 46.

**Active:** She had completed the

homework.

Passive: The homework had been

completed by her.

**Analysis:** Past perfect  $\rightarrow$  "had

completed" → "had been completed".

**Active:** He is learning French.

**Passive:** French is being learned by

him.

**Analysis:** Present continuous  $\rightarrow$  "is learning"  $\rightarrow$  "is being learned".

#### 48.

Active: The dog chased the cat.

Passive: The cat was chased by the

dog.

**Analysis:** Past simple  $\rightarrow$  "chased"  $\rightarrow$ 

"was chased".

#### **49.**

**Active:** They have cleaned the room. **Passive:** The room has been cleaned

by them.

**Analysis:** Present perfect  $\rightarrow$  "have cleaned"  $\rightarrow$  "has been cleaned".

#### 50.

**Active:** He will tell a story.

Passive: A story will be told by him.

Analysis: Future simple → "will tell"

 $\rightarrow$  "will be told".

# **Passive to Active**

# **51.**

Passive: The letter was written by her.

**Active:** She wrote the letter.

**Analysis:** Past simple passive → "was written" → Active past simple

 $\rightarrow$  "wrote".

## **52.**

**Passive:** The book is being read by

him.

**Active:** He is reading the book.

**Analysis:** Present continuous passive → "is being read" → Active present

continuous  $\rightarrow$  "is reading".

**Passive:** The homework has been completed by the students.

**Active:** The students have completed the homework.

**Analysis:** Present perfect passive → "has been completed" → Active present perfect → "have completed".

# 54.

**Passive:** The match will be played tomorrow by the team.

**Active:** The team will play the match tomorrow.

**Analysis:** Future simple passive → "will be played" → Active future simple → "will play"

# 55.

**Passive:** The thief was caught by the police.

Active: The police caught the thief.

Analysis: Past simple passive →

"was caught" → Active past simple

→ "caught".

#### **56.**

Passive: The song is sung by her.

**Active:** She sings the song.

**Analysis:** Present simple passive → "is sung" → Active present simple → "sings".

#### 57.

**Passive:** The work had been finished by them.

Active: They had finished the work.

Analysis: Past perfect passive →

"had been finished" → Active past
perfect → "had finished".

# **58.**

Passive: A story will be told by him.
Active: He will tell a story.
Analysis: Future simple passive →
"will be told" → Active future simple
→ "will tell".

## **59.**

**Passive:** The house was being painted by the workers.

**Active:** The workers were painting the house.

Analysis: Past continuous passive  $\rightarrow$  "was being painted"  $\rightarrow$  Active past continuous  $\rightarrow$  "were painting".

**Passive:** The road is cleaned every day by them.

**Active:** They clean the road every day.

**Analysis:** Present simple passive → "is cleaned" → Active present simple → "clean".

## 61.

**Passive:** The door is being knocked at by someone.

**Active:** Someone is knocking at the door.

Analysis: Present continuous passive  $\rightarrow$  "is being knocked at"  $\rightarrow$  Active present continuous  $\rightarrow$  "is knocking".

#### **62.**

**Passive:** The food was cooked by the chef.

Active: The chef cooked the food.

Analysis: Past simple passive →

"was cooked" → Active past simple

→ "cooked".

#### 63.

**Passive:** The letter will be posted by me.

Active: I will post the letter.

Analysis: Future simple passive →

"will be posted" → Active future

simple → "will post".

#### 64.

**Passive:** The house had been built by the workers.

**Active:** The workers had built the house.

**Analysis:** Past perfect passive → "had been built" → Active past perfect → "had built".

#### 65.

**Passive:** The picture is drawn by the child.

Active: The child draws the picture.

Analysis: Present simple passive →

"is drawn" → Active present simple

→ "draws".

**Passive:** The movie is being watched by them.

Active: They are watching the movie.

Analysis: Present continuous passive

→ "is being watched" → Active

present continuous → "are watching".

#### 67.

**Passive:** The project has been completed by the team.

**Active:** The team has completed the project.

Analysis: Present perfect passive  $\rightarrow$  "has been completed"  $\rightarrow$  Active present perfect  $\rightarrow$  "has completed".

#### 68.

**Passive:** The boy was being scolded by the teacher.

**Active:** The teacher was scolding the boy.

Analysis: Past continuous passive → "was being scolded" → Active past continuous → "was scolding".

# **69.**

**Passive:** The truth will be known by all.

Active: All will know the truth.

Analysis: Future simple passive →
"will be known" → Active future
simple → "will know".

#### 70.

**Passive:** The thief has been arrested by the police.

**Active:** The police have arrested the thief.

**Analysis:** Present perfect passive → "has been arrested" → Active present perfect → "have arrested".

# 71.

**Passive:** A prize was given to him by the principal.

**Active:** The principal gave him a prize.

**Analysis:** Past simple passive → "was given" → Active past simple → "gave".

**Passive:** The letter is written by me every day.

Active: I write the letter every day.

Analysis: Present simple passive →

"is written" → Active present simple
→ "write".

## 73.

**Passive:** The door had been locked by her.

**Active:** She had locked the door. **Analysis:** Past perfect passive → "had been locked" → Active past perfect → "had locked".

# 74.

**Passive:** The invitation will be sent by them.

Active: They will send the invitation.

Analysis: Future simple passive →

"will be sent" → Active future simple
→ "will send".

#### *75.*

**Passive:** The patient is being treated by the doctor.

**Active:** The doctor is treating the patient.

Analysis: Present continuous passive  $\rightarrow$  "is being treated"  $\rightarrow$  Active present continuous  $\rightarrow$  "is treating".

## **76.**

**Passive:** The glass was broken by him.

Active: He broke the glass.

Analysis: Past simple passive →

"was broken" → Active past simple

→ "broke".

# 77.

**Passive:** The work will have been completed by the evening.

**Active:** They will have completed the work by the evening.

**Analysis:** Future perfect passive → "will have been completed" → Active future perfect → "will have completed".

**Passive:** The road is repaired every

year by the corporation.

Active: The corporation repairs the

road every year.

**Analysis:** Present simple passive → "is repaired" → Active present simple

 $\rightarrow$  "repairs".

**79.** 

Passive: The hill was being climbed

by the tourists.

Active: The tourists were climbing

the hill.

**Analysis:** Past continuous passive → "was being climbed" → Active past continuous → "were climbing".

80.

Passive: The poem has been recited

by the student.

Active: The student has recited the

poem.

Analysis: Present perfect passive → "has been recited" → Active present

perfect  $\rightarrow$  "has recited".

# **Special Cases**

# **Imperatives (Commands / Requests)**

81.

**Active:** Close the door.

**Passive:** Let the door be closed. **Analysis:** Imperative active →

Passive begins with Let + object + be

+ *V3*.

**82.** 

**Active:** Do the work.

**Passive:** Let the work be done.

**Analysis:** Imperative with simple

 $verb \rightarrow Passive uses "Let ... be + past$ 

participle".

**Active:** Help the poor.

Passive: Let the poor be helped.

Analysis: Command imperative →
Passive uses "Let ... be helped".

## 84.

Active: Please keep quiet.

Passive: You are requested to keep

quiet.

**Analysis:** Polite request → Passive changes to *You are requested to* ....

# **85.**

Active: Don't waste time.

**Passive:** Let not time be wasted. **Analysis:** Negative imperative → Passive begins with *Let not* ....

#### 86.

**Active:** Call him at once.

**Passive:** Let him be called at once. **Analysis:** Imperative active  $\rightarrow$ 

Passive imperative Let him be called.

# **Interrogatives (Questions)**

87.

**Active:** Who wrote this book?

Passive: By whom was this book

written?

Analysis: Interrogative subject  $\rightarrow$ 

Passive begins with By whom ....

88.

**Active:** Did she complete the project?

Passive: Was the project completed

by her?

**Analysis:** Yes/No question → Passive

shifts auxiliary before subject.

**89.** 

Active: When will they announce the

results?

Passive: When will the results be

announced (by them)?

**Analysis:** Wh-question → Passive

keeps question word first.

90.

**Active:** Is he singing the song?

Passive: Is the song being sung by

him?

Analysis: Present continuous

interrogative → Passive continuous

form.

91.

**Active:** Has she finished the task?

Passive: Has the task been finished

by her?

Analysis: Present perfect

interrogative  $\rightarrow$  Passive been + V3.

**92.** 

Active: Who will help you?

Passive: By whom will you be

helped?

**Analysis:** "Who" as subject  $\rightarrow$ 

Becomes By whom in passive.

# **Double Object Constructions**

# 93.

Active: She gave me a gift.

Passive 1: I was given a gift by her.
Passive 2: A gift was given to me by

her.

**Analysis:** Double objects → Either indirect or direct object can be made subject.

# 94.

Active: They told us a story.

**Passive 1:** We were told a story by

them.

Passive 2: A story was told to us by

them.

Analysis: Two possible passives.

# 95.

**Active:** The teacher taught the students grammar.

Passive 1: The students were taught

grammar by the teacher.

Passive 2: Grammar was taught to the

students by the teacher.

Analysis: Both objects can be

promoted.

# 96.

Active: He offered me a job.

Passive 1: I was offered a job by him.

Passive 2: A job was offered to me by

him.

Analysis: Two correct passive forms.

# 97.

**Active:** She asked me a question.

Passive 1: I was asked a question by

her.

Passive 2: A question was asked of

me by her.

**Analysis:** Double object → Both

passives are acceptable.

# **Agentless Passives (By-phrase omitted)**

# 98.

Active: People speak English all over

the world.

Passive: English is spoken all over

the world.

Analysis: Agent "people" is general

 $\rightarrow$  Omitted in passive.

# 99.

Active: They built this bridge in

2010.

Passive: This bridge was built in

2010.

Analysis: Agent "they" not important

 $\rightarrow$  Omitted.

# **100.**

Active: Someone has stolen my

wallet.

**Passive:** My wallet has been stolen. **Analysis:** Unknown agent → Passive

omits "by someone".