

## GRAMMAR (UNIT 7)

### ***PASSIVE VOICE (affirmative)***

The passive voice is used to show interest in the person or object that experiences an action rather than the person or object that performs the action. In other words, the most important thing or person becomes the subject of the sentence.

Sometimes we use the passive voice because we don't know or do not want to express who performed the action.

We make the passive by putting the verb 'to be' into whatever tense we need and then adding the past participle. For regular verbs, we make the past participle by adding 'ed' to the infinitive. The object becomes the subject in the passive sentence, and the subject becomes the agent with "by". When the subject is a personal pronoun, "people", "someone" or the information is not needed, we omit the agent.

#### **Present Simple active**

Peter eats fish on Fridays

We read interesting books in the library

I make cakes at weekends

#### **Past simple active**

She drank two cups of coffee yesterday

Sally received a letter

Someone phoned him last night

#### **Present simple passive**

Fish is eaten on Fridays by Peter

Interesting books are read in the library

Cakes are made at weekends

#### **Past simple passive**

Two cups of coffee were drunk yesterday

A letter was received by Sally

He was phoned last night

### ***PASSIVE VOICE (negative)***

#### **Present Simple active**

Peter doesn't fish on Fridays

We don't read interesting books

I don't make cakes at weekends

#### **Past simple active**

She didn't drink two cups of coffee

Sally didn't receive a letter

I didn't phone him last night

#### **Present simple passive**

Fish isn't eaten on Fridays by Peter

Interesting books aren't read

Cakes aren't made at weekends

#### **Past simple passive**

Two cups of coffee weren't drunk

A letter wasn't received by Sally

He wasn't phoned last night

***PASSIVE VOICE (interrogative)***

**Present Simple active**

Does Peter eat fish on Fridays?

Do they read interesting books?

Do you make cakes at weekends?

**Past simple active**

Did she drink two cups of coffee?

Sally received a letter

Someone phoned him last night

**Present simple passive**

Is fish eaten on Fridays by Peter?

Are interesting books read?

Are cakes made at weekends?

**Past simple passive**

Were two cups of coffee drunk?

Was a letter received by Sally?

Was he phoned last night?