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Active and Passive Voices

In **active voice** sentences the focus is person or thing doing an action

- The actor is the subject of the sentence
- I wrote an email
- He called some friends

Passive voice

In passive voice sentences, the focus is the person or thing receiving the action

The person /thing receiving the action is the subject

- An email was written
- Some friends were called
- To make passive voice expression
- [Subject] + be. (past participle verb)

Changing active to passive

(Subject+[verb] + [object])

We ate all of the cookies

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[Subject] + be (same tense + [past participle
As active voice sentence) [verb]

- All of cookies were eaten

Convert: my dog chasing me around the park

I am being chased around the park

• **Tenses changes in the passive voice**

Tenses	Active	Passive
Present simple	Tom clean the house	The house is cleaned by tom
Present continuous	Sarah is writing the letter	The letter is being written by Sarah
Past simple	Sam repaired the car	The car was repaired by Sam
Past continuous	She was delivering the letter	The letter was being delivered
Present perfect	Many tourists have visited the castle	The castle has been visited by many tourists
Past perfect	Georg had repaired many cars before he received his mechanic's	Many cars had been repaired by Georg when...
Simple future	I will make a cake	A cake will be made
Future (be going to)	Sally is going to make a beautiful dinner tomorrow	A beautiful dinner is going to be made by sally tonight

Activity: Transform the following sentences into the passive voice:

1. My brother has written that poem.
2. He is going to build a house next week.
3. Chef Jones has been preparing the restaurant's fantastic dinners for two years before.
4. The salesman was helping the costumer when the thief came into the store.
5. The wind is rippling the water.
6. The child will open the parcel.
7. The cow is eating the clover.
8. The dealer ordered the wine.
9. The policeman gave you a medal.
10. The guide will show you the museum.

Answers

1. That poem has been written by my brother.
2. A house is going to be build by him next week.
3. The restaurant's fantastic dinners had been being prepared by chef Jones for two years before.
4. The customer was being helped by the salesman when the thief came into the store.
5. The water is being rippling by the wind.
6. The parcel will be opened by the child.

7. The clover is being eaten by the cow.
8. The wine was ordered by the dealer.
9. A medal was given to you by the policeman.
10. The museum will be shown to you by the guide.