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**Lesson 5**: **Active- passive voice**

**Active form:** we call it active because the subject is active or the subject performs the actions.

**Example**: Picasso paint this work

Subject verb object

**So**, here the subject performs the action, or the verb **paint** is performed by **Picasso**

**Passive form :** is used when focusing on the person or thing affected by an action

**Example**: this work is painted by Picasso

Object verb passive subject

**Here** , the importance is for the work **(the object)** not for the subject **(Picasso)**

**Rule**

**The passive subject + to be+ the past participale of the verb + by + the subject**

**How to shift from active to passive form**

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| **Active Voice** | **Passive Voice** |
| **Present simple tense**    **He** lights the candle | **Am /IS/ Are + past participle of the verb**  The candle is lighted by **him** |
| **Past simple tense**  **They** prepared the party | **Was /were + pp**  The party was prepared by **them** |
| **Present continuous tense**  **I am** driving a car | **Am /IS /Are + being + pp**  A car is being driven by **me** |
| **Present perfect tense**  **She** has stolen my book | **Has /have + been + pp**  My book has been stolen by **her** |
| **Future tense**  My uncle will pay my house | **Will + be + pp**  My house will be paid by my uncle |

So , these are the main change of tenses from active to passive , and you have noticed that pronouns also change ,

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| Active pronouns | Passive pronouns |
| I | Me |
| you | You |
| She | Her |
| He | Him |
| it | It |
| We | Us |
| They | Them |