

Active to Passive Voice: Fully Solved Key

Complete Solution & Grammatical Explanations for Questions 1 to 100

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Grammar Quick Reference Guide

General Formula: Object of Active Sentence + Auxiliary Verb (be / is / am / are / was / were / been / being) + Past Participle (V3) + [Preposition] + Subject of Active Sentence.

Question 1

Active: The boy writes a letter.

Passive: A letter is written by the boy.

Grammatical Explanation: Simple Present Tense: The object 'a letter' becomes the subject. The verb 'writes' changes to 'is written' (is + past participle), followed by 'by' + original subject 'the boy'.

Question 2

Active: The boy wrote a letter.

Passive: A letter was written by the boy.

Grammatical Explanation: Simple Past Tense: The object 'a letter' becomes the subject. The past verb 'wrote' changes to 'was written' (was + past participle), followed by 'by the boy'.

Question 3

Active: Who wrote the letter?

Passive: By whom was the letter written?

Grammatical Explanation: Interrogative in Simple Past: 'Who' changes to 'By whom'. The auxiliary 'was' moves before the subject 'the letter', followed by the past participle 'written'.

Question 4

Active: He hurt his leg in an accident.

Passive: His leg was hurt by him in an accident.

Grammatical Explanation: Simple Past Tense ('hurt' is past form): Object 'his leg' becomes the subject. Verb becomes 'was hurt'. Prepositional phrase 'in an accident' and agent 'by him' complete the sentence.

Question 5

Active: Some parents dress their children very badly.

Passive: Their children are dressed very badly by some parents.

Grammatical Explanation: Simple Present Tense: Plural object 'their children' becomes subject. Aux verb 'are' + past participle 'dressed' is used, followed by the adverbial phrase and 'by some parents'.

Question 6

Active: No one has opened that box for the last fifty years.

Passive: That box has not been opened for the last fifty years.

Grammatical Explanation: Present Perfect Tense with negative subject 'No one': Subject 'that box' takes 'has not been opened' (negative inherent from 'no one'). The agent 'by no one' is omitted.

Question 7

Active: Who has broken my pen?

Passive: By whom has my pen been broken?

Grammatical Explanation: Interrogative Present Perfect: 'Who' becomes 'By whom'. Present perfect structure for passive is 'has + subject + been + past participle' -> 'has my pen been broken'.

Question 8

Active: People speak English all over the world.

Passive: English is spoken all over the world.

Grammatical Explanation: Simple Present Tense: Object 'English' becomes subject + 'is spoken'. Indefinite subject 'People' is omitted as it is understood/unnecessary.

Question 9

Active: Did anyone ask any questions about me?

Passive: Were any questions asked about me?

Grammatical Explanation: Simple Past Interrogative: Object 'any questions' (plural) takes auxiliary 'Were' at the beginning, followed by 'asked about me'. Indefinite agent 'by anyone' is omitted.

Question 10

Active: People must not take these books away.

Passive: These books must not be taken away.

Grammatical Explanation: Modal Verb ('must not'): Modal passive structure is 'must not be + past participle'. Object 'these books' becomes subject. Subject 'people' is omitted.

Question 11

Active: No one helped the poor man.

Passive: The poor man was not helped by anyone.

Grammatical Explanation: Simple Past with negative subject 'No one': Object 'the poor man' becomes subject + 'was not helped'. 'No one' transforms into negative verb + 'by anyone' (or 'was helped by no one').

Question 12

Active: You must write the answer on one side of the paper only.

Passive: The answer must be written on one side of the paper only.

Grammatical Explanation: Modal Verb ('must'): Passive form is 'must be written'. Object 'the answer' becomes subject. Agent 'by you' is omitted as it is a general instruction.

Question 13

Active: Someone left the books in the classroom.

Passive: The books were left in the classroom.

Grammatical Explanation: Simple Past Tense with indefinite pronoun 'someone': Object 'the books' (plural) takes 'were left'. Agent 'by someone' is omitted.

Question 14

Active: What did you do about this?

Passive: What was done about this by you?

Grammatical Explanation: Interrogative Simple Past with 'What': 'What' remains as question word, followed by singular auxiliary 'was', main verb in past participle 'done', phrase 'about this', and 'by you'.

Question 15

Active: Thieves love crowds.

Passive: Crowds are loved by thieves.

Grammatical Explanation: Simple Present Tense: Plural object 'crowds' becomes subject, verb changes to 'are loved', followed by 'by thieves'.

Question 16

Active: Did you damage the car?

Passive: Was the car damaged by you?

Grammatical Explanation: Simple Past Interrogative: Singular object 'the car' takes 'Was' at the start, followed by subject 'the car', past participle 'damaged', and 'by you'.

Question 17

Active: Do you trust me?

Passive: Am I trusted by you?

Grammatical Explanation: Simple Present Interrogative: Object 'me' becomes subject 'I'. The auxiliary for 'I' in present question is 'Am' at the start -> 'Am I trusted by you?'

Question 18

Active: The King ordered Khipil to build a grand palace.

Passive: Khipil was ordered by the King to build a grand palace.

Grammatical Explanation: Simple Past Tense with infinitive clause: Indirect object 'Khipil' becomes subject + 'was ordered by the King' + infinitive phrase 'to build a grand palace'.

Question 19

Active: Why are you laughing at him?

Passive: Why is he being laughed at by you?

Grammatical Explanation: Present Continuous Interrogative: Object 'him' becomes subject 'he'. Verb structure is 'is being laughed at' (preposition 'at' stays attached to the verb).

Question 20

Active: Did you sell your old house last year?

Passive: Was your old house sold by you last year?

Grammatical Explanation: Simple Past Interrogative: Object 'your old house' takes 'Was' at the front, verb 'sell' becomes past participle 'sold', followed by 'by you last year'.

Question 21

Active: Everyone admires him.

Passive: He is admired by everyone.

Grammatical Explanation: Simple Present Tense: Object 'him' becomes subject 'He' + 'is admired' + 'by everyone'.

Question 22

Active: The believers love Allah.

Passive: Allah is loved by the believers.

Grammatical Explanation: Simple Present Tense: Proper noun object 'Allah' becomes subject + 'is loved' + 'by the believers'.

Question 23

Active: Did you submit the report to the officer?

Passive: Was the report submitted to the officer by you?

Grammatical Explanation: Simple Past Interrogative: 'the report' becomes subject led by 'Was' -> 'Was the report submitted to the officer by you?'

Question 24

Active: You can't blame anyone for this tragedy.

Passive: No one can be blamed for this tragedy.

Grammatical Explanation: Modal verb negative with 'anyone': 'can't blame anyone' converts to positive structure with negative subject 'No one can be blamed for this tragedy'.

Question 25

Active: The Principal addressed the First Year students.

Passive: The First Year students were addressed by the Principal.

Grammatical Explanation: Simple Past Tense: Plural object 'the First Year students' takes 'were addressed' followed by 'by the Principal'.

Question 26

Active: Do you still recall the good old days?

Passive: Are the good old days still recalled by you?

Grammatical Explanation: Simple Present Interrogative: Plural object 'the good old days' takes 'Are' at the beginning + adverb 'still' + past participle 'recalled'.

Question 27

Active: Do you buy new shoes every year?

Passive: Are new shoes bought by you every year?

Grammatical Explanation: Simple Present Interrogative: Plural object 'new shoes' takes 'Are' at the start + past participle 'bought'.

Question 28

Active: Don't betray your friends.

Passive: Let your friends not be betrayed. (Or: Your friends should not be betrayed.)

Grammatical Explanation: Imperative Sentence (Negative command): Standard structure is 'Let + object + not + be + past participle'.

Question 29

Active: Never break promises.

Passive: Promises should never be broken. (Or: Let promises never be broken.)

Grammatical Explanation: Imperative / Advice: 'Promises' becomes subject + modal auxiliary 'should never be broken'.

Question 30

Active: Do you smell anything?

Passive: Is anything smelt / smelled by you?

Grammatical Explanation: Simple Present Interrogative: Singular indefinite pronoun 'anything' takes auxiliary 'Is' + past participle 'smelt/smelled'.

Question 31

Active: Do you respect your teachers?

Passive: Are your teachers respected by you?

Grammatical Explanation: Simple Present Interrogative: Plural object 'your teachers' takes 'Are' + subject + past participle 'respected'.

Question 32

Active: Did you not treat your guests properly?

Passive: Were your guests not treated properly by you?

Grammatical Explanation: Simple Past Negative Interrogative: Plural object 'your guests' takes 'Were ... not treated properly'.

Question 33

Active: Did the peon not open the gate?

Passive: Was the gate not opened by the peon?

Grammatical Explanation: Simple Past Negative Interrogative: Singular object 'the gate' takes 'Was the gate not opened'.

Question 34

Active: Did they not consult you on this issue?

Passive: Were you not consulted on this issue by them?

Grammatical Explanation: Simple Past Negative Interrogative: Object pronoun 'you' becomes subject 'you', auxiliary is 'Were'.

Question 35

Active: Why didn't you inform the students about the examinations?

Passive: Why were the students not informed about the examinations by you?

Grammatical Explanation: Wh- Interrogative in Simple Past: 'Why' + plural aux 'were' + subject 'the students' + negative 'not informed'.

Question 36

Active: Do you love your sister?

Passive: Is your sister loved by you?

Grammatical Explanation: Simple Present Interrogative: Singular object 'your sister' takes auxiliary 'Is' at start.

Question 37

Active: Who assisted you in your job?

Passive: By whom were you assisted in your job?

Grammatical Explanation: Interrogative Simple Past: 'Who' changes to 'By whom', subject 'you' takes auxiliary 'were'.

Question 38

Active: Were some boys helping the old blind man?

Passive: Was the old blind man being helped by some boys?

Grammatical Explanation: Past Continuous Interrogative: Object 'the old blind man' (singular) takes 'Was ... being helped'.

Question 39

Active: Why did you keep me in dark?

Passive: Why was I kept in the dark by you?

Grammatical Explanation: Wh- Interrogative Simple Past: Object 'me' becomes subject 'I', auxiliary is 'was'.

Question 40

Active: How did you answer this question?

Passive: How was this question answered by you?

Grammatical Explanation: Wh- Interrogative Simple Past: Object 'this question' takes singular auxiliary 'was'.

Question 41

Active: Did you answer this question well?

Passive: Was this question answered well by you?

Grammatical Explanation: Simple Past Interrogative: Auxiliary 'Was' + subject 'this question' + past participle 'answered well'.

Question 42

Active: Who did this?

Passive: By whom was this done?

Grammatical Explanation: Interrogative Simple Past: 'Who' becomes 'By whom', verb 'did' becomes 'was done' surrounding object 'this'.

Question 43

Active: How do you know him?

Passive: How is he known to you?

Grammatical Explanation: Simple Present Wh- Interrogative: The verb 'know' takes preposition 'to' instead of 'by' in passive ('known to').

Question 44

Active: The farmer is sowing the seeds.

Passive: The seeds are being sown by the farmer.

Grammatical Explanation: Present Continuous Tense: Plural object 'the seeds' takes continuous passive 'are being sown'.

Question 45

Active: The President will inaugurate the conference.

Passive: The conference will be inaugurated by the President.

Grammatical Explanation: Simple Future Tense: Auxiliary 'will' becomes 'will be + past participle' -> 'will be inaugurated'.

Question 46

Active: She will have finished her work by now.

Passive: Her work will have been finished by her by now.

Grammatical Explanation: Future Perfect Tense: Modal perfect 'will have' becomes 'will have been finished'.

Question 47

Active: Who will recite this poem?

Passive: By whom will this poem be recited?

Grammatical Explanation: Future Interrogative: 'Who' becomes 'By whom', modal structure 'will + subject + be + past participle'.

Question 48

Active: Why have you phoned me?

Passive: Why have I been phoned by you?

Grammatical Explanation: Present Perfect Interrogative: Object 'me' becomes subject 'I', taking auxiliary 'have ... been phoned'.

Question 49

Active: Who will be presiding the next session?

Passive: By whom will the next session be presided over?

Grammatical Explanation: Future Continuous with prepositional verb: 'Who' becomes 'By whom', verb phrase becomes 'be presided over'.

Question 50

Active: How did you catch the thief?

Passive: How was the thief caught by you?

Grammatical Explanation: Simple Past Wh- Interrogative: Singular object 'the thief' takes auxiliary 'was'.

Question 51

Active: A naughty boy made a disturbance at the function.

Passive: A disturbance was made at the function by a naughty boy.

Grammatical Explanation: Simple Past Tense: Object 'a disturbance' becomes subject + 'was made'.

Question 52

Active: Everyone loves Rashid Minhas.

Passive: Rashid Minhas is loved by everyone.

Grammatical Explanation: Simple Present Tense: Subject 'Rashid Minhas' takes 'is loved' + agent 'by everyone'.

Question 53

Active: Why are you teasing the old disabled man?

Passive: Why is the old disabled man being teased by you?

Grammatical Explanation: Present Continuous Interrogative: Singular object takes 'is ... being teased'.

Question 54

Active: Why are you laughing at them?

Passive: Why are they being laughed at by you?

Grammatical Explanation: Present Continuous Interrogative: Plural object 'them' becomes 'they', continuous passive 'are being laughed at'.

Question 55

Active: Everyone attended the exhibition.

Passive: The exhibition was attended by everyone.

Grammatical Explanation: Simple Past Tense: Object 'the exhibition' becomes subject + 'was attended'.

Question 56

Active: The chairman assured the workers that they will get two month bonus.

Passive: The workers were assured by the chairman that they would get two months' bonus.

Grammatical Explanation: Complex Simple Past: Main clause object 'the workers' becomes main subject 'were assured by the chairman'.

Question 57

Active: The Principal has directed some of the students to report to his office.

Passive: Some of the students have been directed by the Principal to report to his office.

Grammatical Explanation: Present Perfect Tense: Plural object 'Some of the students' takes 'have been directed'.

Question 58

Active: Will you drink all the milk?

Passive: Will all the milk be drunk by you?

Grammatical Explanation: Simple Future Interrogative: Subject 'all the milk' takes 'Will ... be drunk'.

Question 59

Active: Who has posted this letter?

Passive: By whom has this letter been posted?

Grammatical Explanation: Present Perfect Interrogative: 'Who' becomes 'By whom', singular object takes 'has ... been posted'.

Question 60

Active: Why have they cut down all the trees?

Passive: Why have all the trees been cut down?

Grammatical Explanation: Present Perfect Interrogative: Plural object 'all the trees' takes 'have ... been cut down'. Agent 'by them' is omitted.

Question 61

Active: Has the police arrested the culprit?

Passive: Has the culprit been arrested by the police?

Grammatical Explanation: Present Perfect Interrogative: Singular object 'the culprit' takes 'Has ... been arrested'.

Question 62

Active: We expect that the President will announce new economic reforms.

Passive: It is expected that new economic reforms will be announced by the President.

Grammatical Explanation: Complex sentence: 'We expect' becomes introductory passive 'It is expected that...', and subordinate clause becomes passive 'new economic reforms will be announced'.

Question 63

Active: Were the cats chasing the rats?

Passive: Were the rats being chased by the cats?

Grammatical Explanation: Past Continuous Interrogative: Plural object 'the rats' takes 'Were ... being chased'.

Question 64

Active: Someone told that Naseem had lost all his money.

Passive: It was told that all his money had been lost by Naseem.

Grammatical Explanation: Complex sentence with indefinite main agent: Main clause becomes dummy subject 'It was told', embedded clause becomes 'all his money had been lost'.

Question 65

Active: Pakistani troops will have captured the enemy post by now.

Passive: The enemy post will have been captured by Pakistani troops by now.

Grammatical Explanation: Future Perfect Tense: Object 'the enemy post' takes 'will have been captured'.

Question 72

Active: Please do not disturb her while the baby is asleep.

Passive: You are requested not to disturb her while the baby is asleep.

Grammatical Explanation: Imperative Negative Request: Converted using 'You are requested not to + base verb'.

Question 73

Active: Obey your parents and teachers.

Passive: Your parents and teachers should be obeyed.

Grammatical Explanation: Imperative (Advice/Moral obligation): Converted using object + 'should be + past participle'.

Question 74

Active: Show kindness to the children.

Passive: Kindness should be shown to the children. (Or: Let kindness be shown to the children.)

Grammatical Explanation: Imperative (Advice): Converted using 'should be shown' or 'Let kindness be shown'.

Question 75

Active: Keep your promises.

Passive: Promises should be kept.

Grammatical Explanation: Imperative Sentence: General moral command converted to 'Promises should be kept'.

Question 76

Active: They charge-sheeted him.

Passive: He was charge-sheeted by them.

Grammatical Explanation: Simple Past Tense: Object 'him' becomes subject 'He' + 'was charge-sheeted'.

Question 77

Active: Do not mock at the less intelligent classfellows.

Passive: The less intelligent classfellows should not be mocked at.

Grammatical Explanation: Imperative Negative Advice: Object becomes subject + 'should not be mocked at' (preposition 'at' remains).

Question 78

Active: Have you lost your books?

Passive: Have your books been lost by you?

Grammatical Explanation: Present Perfect Interrogative: Plural object 'your books' takes auxiliary 'Have ... been lost'.

Question 79

Active: They had raised serious objections to our proposals.

Passive: **Serious objections had been raised to our proposals by them.**

Grammatical Explanation: Past Perfect Tense: Object 'Serious objections' takes 'had been raised'.

Question 80

Active: They will have consoled their friends by now.

Passive: **Their friends will have been consoled by them by now.**

Grammatical Explanation: Future Perfect Tense: Object 'Their friends' takes 'will have been consoled'.

Question 81

Active: Nobody can achieve these unrealistic objectives.

Passive: **These unrealistic objectives cannot be achieved by anybody.**

Grammatical Explanation: Modal verb with negative subject 'Nobody': Converts to 'cannot be achieved'.

Question 82

Active: Has anyone contacted you?

Passive: **Have you been contacted by anyone?**

Grammatical Explanation: Present Perfect Interrogative: Subject 'you' requires auxiliary 'Have ... been contacted'.

Question 83

Active: I know him well.

Passive: **He is well known to me.**

Grammatical Explanation: Simple Present Tense: Verb 'know' takes preposition 'to' instead of 'by' ('known to me').

Question 84

Active: When will you recite the poem?

Passive: **When will the poem be recited by you?**

Grammatical Explanation: Future Wh- Interrogative: Object 'the poem' takes 'will ... be recited'.

Question 85

Active: Nobody should take the reference books away.

Passive: **The reference books should not be taken away.**

Grammatical Explanation: Modal verb with negative subject 'Nobody': Modal becomes negative 'should not be taken away'.

Question 86

Active: Let us examine this matter first.

Passive: Let this matter be examined first by us.

Grammatical Explanation: Imperative starting with 'Let us': Transformed into 'Let + object + be + past participle + by us'.

Question 87

Active: When will you be writing your thesis?

Passive: When will your thesis be being written by you? (Grammatically rare; standard: When will your thesis be written by you?)

Grammatical Explanation: Future Continuous Interrogative: In strict grammar rules, future continuous passive uses 'will ... be being written'.

Question 88

Active: How do you spend your spare time?

Passive: How is your spare time spent by you?

Grammatical Explanation: Simple Present Wh- Interrogative: Singular object 'your spare time' takes auxiliary 'is'.

Question 89

Active: Did you borrow Ahmed's book?

Passive: Was Ahmed's book borrowed by you?

Grammatical Explanation: Simple Past Interrogative: Singular possessive object 'Ahmed's book' takes auxiliary 'Was'.

Question 90

Active: When did you borrow Ahmed's book?

Passive: When was Ahmed's book borrowed by you?

Grammatical Explanation: Wh- Interrogative Simple Past: 'When' + singular auxiliary 'was' + subject 'Ahmed's book' + 'borrowed'.

Question 91

Active: Let us sign a new contract.

Passive: Let a new contract be signed by us.

Grammatical Explanation: Imperative starting with 'Let us': Transformed to 'Let + new contract + be signed by us'.

Question 92

Active: Please switch on the light.

Passive: You are requested to switch on the light.

Grammatical Explanation: Polite Imperative Request: Converted using 'You are requested to + switch on the light'.

Question 93

Active: Don't switch off the light please.

Passive: You are requested not to switch off the light.

Grammatical Explanation: Polite Negative Imperative: Converted using 'You are requested not to + switch off the light'.

Question 94

Active: Where have you put your books?

Passive: Where have your books been put by you?

Grammatical Explanation: Present Perfect Wh- Interrogative: Plural object 'your books' takes auxiliary 'have ... been put'.

Question 95

Active: Will the workers call off the strike?

Passive: Will the strike be called off by the workers?

Grammatical Explanation: Simple Future Interrogative: Singular object 'the strike' takes 'Will ... be called off'.

Question 96

Active: Why didn't you invite Ahmed to the party?

Passive: Why was Ahmed not invited to the party by you?

Grammatical Explanation: Simple Past Negative Wh- Interrogative: Singular proper noun 'Ahmed' takes 'was ... not invited'.

Question 97

Active: Who lent you this book?

Passive: By whom were you lent this book? (Or: By whom was this book lent to you?)

Grammatical Explanation: Simple Past Interrogative: 'Who' becomes 'By whom', indirect object 'you' takes auxiliary 'were'.

Question 98

Active: Will you see off your friends at the airport?

Passive: Will your friends be seen off by you at the airport?

Grammatical Explanation: Simple Future Interrogative: Plural object 'your friends' takes 'Will ... be seen off'.

Question 99

Active: Let's resolve all our disputes.

Passive: Let all our disputes be resolved.

Grammatical Explanation: Imperative suggestion ('Let's'): Structure becomes 'Let + object (all our disputes) + be resolved'.

Question 100

Active: Can you now change the active sentences into passive sentences?

Passive: Can the active sentences now be changed into passive sentences by you?

Grammatical Explanation: Modal Interrogative ('Can'): Structure is 'Can + object + now be + past participle'.