# Active and Passive Voice

Use Passive Voice When :

# 1. Focus is object

Sir Ali teaches him.

He is taught by Sir Ali.

# 2. Subject is already Understood

Robots are manufactured in the industry.

The patient is being operated upon. Doctors are operating upon the patient.

# 3. Subject is Unknown

My laptop has been stolen .

Someone has stolen my laptop.

Structure

Active Voice : Subject Verb Object I eat mangoes.

Passive Voice : Object BE ( is am are, was were, being, been) V3 by Subject

Mangoes are eaten by me.

Ali is playing hockey. *Hockey is being played by Ali.*

Ali has written a novel. *A novel has been written by Ali.*

Passive Voice is NOT Possible in case of :

1. Perfect Continuous Tense ?????

Ali has been reading a novel since morning. A novel has been being read by Ali since morning.(wrong)

2. Intransitive Verb

He sells ice cream. He cries. Birds fly.

3. Future Continuous

He will be reading a novel tomorrow. ~~A novel will be being read by him tomorrow.~~

4. Command, Request, Instruction in spoken English .

Open the door. Let the door be opened.

Always help the poor. Let the poor be always helped.

# MISPLACED MODIFIERS

are out of place, too far away from the word they modify, the sentence will be awkward or confusing. Misplaced modifiers may be single words, phrases, or clauses. Study the following examples.

1. The following words are often misplaced: almost, only, just, even, hardly ,not, nearly, merely. Most often, these words are placed in front of the words they modify.

Misplaced: My sister only has two children.

Correct: My sister has only two children.

2. Here is an example of a misplaced phrase

Misplaced: The little girl screamed at the library at her mother.

Correct: At the library, the little girl screamed at her mother.

3. Here is an example of a misplaced clause.

Misplaced: I held the ticket tightly in my hand that my friend gave me.

Correct: I held the ticket that my friend gave me tightly in my hand.

# DANGLING MODIFIERS

A dangling modifier is an introductory word group--participle, gerund, infinitive, or elliptical clause--that is not clearly and logically related to the noun or pronoun that follows it. Study the following examples.

Dangling participle: Driving west, the beautiful scenery was seen by him.

Correction: Driving west, he saw the beautiful scenery.

Dangling gerund: After watching the game, the snacks were put away.

Correction: After watching the game, we put away the snacks .

Dangling infinitive: To survive in this heat, you must water your plants daily.

Correction: To survive in this heat, plants must be watered daily by you.

Dangling elliptical clause: While watering, a hornet stung Janet.

Correction: While watering, Janet was stung by a hornet.

# Revise the following sentences to correct misplaced or dangling modifiers.

1. The tall boy led the parade with red hair.

2. My brother just listens to one radio station.

3. After dancing solo on stage, the audience applauded Anna's performance.

4. The new student will take the corner seat wearing the muscle shirt.

5. Hoping the weather would improve, the corn was planted during the heat wave.

6. Totally destroyed by the tornado, he had to rebuild his barn.

7. While standing in line, the thunder could be heard.

8. Kathy donated a television to the Youth Center that she no longer used.

(vii) I was out walking when I saw the new moon in the garden. (CSS 2019)

(v) Going up the hill, an old temple was seen. (CSS 2018)

(ii) They left the hotel here they had been staying in a motor-car. (CSS 2018)

(v)I who have no chance to meet him would rather go with you instead of sitting at home. (CSS 2017)

# Error of Participles

1. Being a great king, people respected Akbar.

2. Taking all his bag and baggage, a distant relative was visited by him.

3. Making some beautiful movies, the Filmfare awarded him with the most prestigious honour.

4. Having checked the engine and petrol in their car, their journey was resumed.

5. Looking through the view-finder, some strangers were seen standing at the door.

6. Calling him on phone, he was informed of the news by me.

7. Singing sweetly and walking smoothly, the bride was taken home by the palanquin bearers.

8. Eating too much his health was spoiled.

9. Being a famous actor, the school invited him to be the chief guest on the Annual Day function.

10. Finding some talent in him, they employed him in the key position of the organization.

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**Q5. (a) Change the Voice of any FIVE of the following sentences: (5)**

1. International Humanitarian Law forbids actions leading to unnecessary death and suffering.

2. Why should I antagonize you?

3. Let Manchoo be told about the jokes of Mulla Nasiruddin.

4. Whv have the roads not been constructed by the government in this part of the country?

5. Do not kill your ability by roaming in the streets.

6. Your cousin is drawing a large sum of money from his account.

7. The arrangements of holding the Art Exhibition could not be completed on time.

8. Build your house when cement is cheap.