**The active and the passive voice**

The passive voice is used when the focus is on the action or the result. It is not important to know who is doing that action. It is mostly used in scientific texts where the result is more important than the doer.

**Active form:**

E.g: He takes a beer.

Subject + verb + object

**Passive form:**

E.g: A beer is taken by him.

Object + verb “to be” conjugated in the same tense (of the active sentence) + past participle+ by+ subject

**The rule:**

To change an active form sentence into a passive form sentence:

-The object of the active sentence becomes the subject of the passive sentence.

-The verb in the active sentence changes to (to be + past participle)

-The subject of the active sentence becomes the object the passive sentence (or sometimes dropped)

**Examples:**

**1.Present simple**

A: My sister makes wonderful cupcakes.

B: Wonderful cupcakes are made by my sister.

**2.Past simple**

A: John painted the entire house

B: The entire house was painted by John.

**3. Future simple**

A:The police will arrest the thieves.

B:The thieves will be arrested by the police.

A: Living things transfer energy among themselves.

P: Energy is transferred by living things among themselves.

A: Marry will clean the room.

P: The room will be cleaned by Marry.

**Activity 1:** Change these sentences into the passive form.

1. I take a pill every night.

2.My father loocked the door.

3.He sent a report yesterday.

4.I finished my job.

5.Celia watches TV.

6.The will change our president.

7.She gave me a gorgeous gift.

8.My friend broke my phone.

9.The director will give you instructions.

**Activity 2:** Change these sentences into the active form.

1. I was surprised by her.
2. These books were written by a famous author.
3. The window was broken by Emily.
4. Ann was invited by John to speak at the conference.
5. The contract will be signed tomorrow by the director.
6. Many cars are made in Japan.