



Mini Lesson 124 - The Passive Voice with Modal Verbs

The passive voice with modal verbs is used to emphasize the action being done to the subject rather than who is performing the action. We can use modal verbs such as can, could, may, might, must, shall, should, and would in the passive voice.

Structure of Passive Voice with Modal Verbs:

- Affirmative: Subject + modal verb + be + past participle
- Example: The homework can be completed by the students.

- Negative: Subject + modal verb + not + be + past participle
- Example: The book must not be returned until next week.

- Questions: Modal verb + subject + be + past participle?
- Example: Should the project be submitted by Friday?

When to Use Passive Voice with Modal Verbs:

- To focus on the action rather than the doer.
- When the doer is unknown or unimportant.
- To express possibility, necessity, or permission related to an action.





Exercises:

Section 1: Fill in the Blanks

Complete the sentences using the correct form of the passive voice with modal verbs.

1. The report _____ (must, complete) by the end of the day.
2. The letters _____ (can, send) by the post office.
3. The movie _____ (should, watch) by everyone in the class.
4. New rules _____ (may, introduce) next semester.
5. The cake _____ (could, eat) after it's cooled.
6. The homework _____ (might, finish) before dinner.
7. This song _____ (can, sing) at the school concert.

Section 2: Rewrite the Sentences

Rewrite the sentences in the passive voice using the modal verb provided.

1. They can solve the problem.
- The problem _____ (can, solve) by them.
2. Someone must clean the classroom.
- The classroom _____ (must, clean) by someone.
3. They should complete the project by Friday.
- The project _____ (should, complete) by them by Friday.
4. People can visit the museum on Sundays.
- The museum _____ (can, visit) on Sundays.
5. They may announce the winner tomorrow.
- The winner _____ (may, announce) tomorrow.





Section 3: Choose the Correct Form

Circle the correct passive form in each sentence.

1. The assignment (can be/can being) done by the students.
2. The game (must be/must being) played by the team on Saturday.
3. The rules (should be/should being) followed at all times.
4. The homework (may be/may being) collected tomorrow.
5. The song (could be/could being) heard from far away.

Section 4: Complete the Dialogue

Fill in the conversation with the correct modal verb and passive form.

A: Do you think the project _____ (can, finish) in time?

B: Yes, it _____ (should, complete) by next week.

A: What if it doesn't?

B: Then it _____ (must, submit) late, but I hope it doesn't come to that.

A: Maybe the guidelines _____ (may, review) again before we start.





Answers:

Section 1:

1. must be completed
2. can be sent
3. should be watched
4. may be introduced
5. could be eaten
6. might be finished
7. can be sung

Section 2:

1. The problem can be solved by them.
2. The classroom must be cleaned by someone.
3. The project should be completed by them by Friday.
4. The museum can be visited on Sundays.
5. The winner may be announced tomorrow.

Section 3:

1. can be
2. must be
3. should be
4. may be
5. could be

Section 4:

1. can be finished
2. should be completed
3. must be submitted
4. may be reviewed

