



Mini Lesson 150 - The Passive Voice with Two Objects

The passive voice is used to emphasize the action rather than the subject performing the action. In sentences with two objects, we can have either the direct object or the indirect object become the subject of the sentence in passive voice.

Structure:

- The active voice structure is: Subject + Verb + Indirect Object + Direct Object

- Example: The teacher gave the students homework.

- The passive voice structure can be:

- If we make the direct object the subject: Direct Object + was/were + past participle + by + Indirect Object

- Example: Homework was given to the students by the teacher.

- If we make the indirect object the subject: Indirect Object + was/were + past participle + given + Direct Object

- Example: The students were given homework by the teacher.

When to use the passive voice:

- When the doer (subject) is unknown or not important.

- When you want to focus on the action or the receiver of the action.





Exercises:

Section 1: Change to Passive Voice

Rewrite the sentences in the passive voice.

1. The chef cooked a delicious meal for the guests.
2. The manager gave the employees a bonus.
3. The teacher showed the students a new method.
4. The artist painted a mural for the community.
5. The company sent its clients an invitation.

Section 2: Identify the Objects

Identify the direct object and indirect object in each active voice sentence.

1. The librarian borrowed the students some books.
2. The doctor gave the patient a prescription.
3. My mom made me a cake for my birthday.
4. The coach taught the players a new strategy.
5. She told her friend a funny story.

Section 3: Fill in the Blanks

Complete the sentences using the correct form of the verb in parenthesis in the passive voice.

1. The book _____ (write) by a famous author.
2. The keys _____ (give) to me by my brother yesterday.
3. A beautiful song _____ (sing) by the choir at the concert.
4. The homework _____ (assign) to the students by the teacher last week.
5. A gift _____ (send) to her by her grandparents.





Section 4: Match the Sentences

Match the active sentences with their correct passive versions.

1. The teacher gave the homework to the students. a. The homework was given to the students by the teacher.
2. The parents bought a present for the child. b. A present was bought for the child by the parents.
3. The director will show a new film to the audience. c. A new film will be shown to the audience by the director.
4. The manager offered a promotion to the employee. d. A promotion was offered to the employee by the manager.

Section 5: Complete the Dialogue

Fill in the blanks with the passive voice form of the verbs in parentheses.

A: Did you hear about the gifts?

B: Yes, I heard that a new book _____ (give) to each student.

A: And it seems that some prizes _____ (offer) for the best projects!

B: I hope my project _____ (choose)!

A: Well, all the projects _____ (see) by the judges next week.





Answers:

Section 1:

1. A delicious meal was cooked for the guests by the chef.
2. A bonus was given to the employees by the manager.
3. A new method was shown to the students by the teacher.
4. A mural was painted for the community by the artist.
5. An invitation was sent to its clients by the company.

Section 2:

1. Direct Object: books, Indirect Object: students
2. Direct Object: prescription, Indirect Object: patient
3. Direct Object: cake, Indirect Object: me
4. Direct Object: strategy, Indirect Object: players
5. Direct Object: story, Indirect Object: friend

Section 3:

1. was written
2. were given
3. was sung
4. was assigned
5. was sent

Section 4:

- 1 - a
- 2 - b
- 3 - c
- 4 - d

Section 5:

1. was given
2. are offered
3. will be chosen
4. will be seen

