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**Subject :- Passive voice**

**Passive voice :- We will talk about two subjects related with passive voice : its definitions, and uses.**

**As a passive voice relates with sentence , we must mention a brief introduction about sentence and then explains a passive voice .**

**- Sentence is a group of words that are put together to mean something . A complete sentence has at least a subject and a main verb to state (declare) a complete thought .**

**- For example , She walks .**

**- Sentence is a largest unit of language . In English , it begins with a capital letter and ends with a full stop, or a question mark , or an exclamation mark .**

**For example :-**

**- Ali writes a letter .**

**A sentence consists of subject , verb , and object .**

**- A subject is a part of sentence that contains the person or thing performing the action (or verb ) in a sentence .**

- Verb is word that show an action (sing ), occurrence (develop ) , or a state of being (exist ).
- Object is a noun , a noun phrase or a pronoun that is affected by the action of a verb or a preposition . Direct object (e.g. I know him) . Indirect object (e.g Give her the prize) .
- Active voice means that a sentence has a subject that acts upon its verb .

For example :-

He writes a letter.

- Passive voice means that a subject is a recipient of a verb's action
- Passive voice is used to emphasis an action ( verb ) and the object of a sentence rather than who or what a responsible for it(subject ).

For example :-

A letter is written by him .

B:- We use a passive voice in the following states :-

- 1-When the action interests us more than the agent .
- 2- When we don't know the agent .
- 3-When it is easy to figure out who the agent is .