

# Active and passive voice: overview chart

Here is a quick overview of the active and passive voice verb forms.

Tense	Active voice	Passive voice
Simple present tense	Verb form: first form of the verb Examples They speak English here. He speaks English.	Verb form: is / am / are + past participle form of the verb Examples English is spoken here. English is spoken by him.
Present continuous tense	Verb form: is/am/are + -ing form of the verb Examples She is writing a letter. I am learning my lessons. You are making a cake.	Verb form: is/am/are + being + past participle form of the verb Examples A letter is being written by her. My lessons are being learnt by me. A cake is being made by you.

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Present perfect tense	Verb form: has/have + past participle form of the verb  Examples:  I have written a novel. She has finished the job. You have written letters.	Verb form: has/have + been + past participle form of the verb  Examples:  A novel has been written by me. The job has been finished by her. Letters have been written by you.
Simple past	Verb form: past tense form of the verb  Examples:  I wrote a letter. Ram broke a glass. You missed the chance.	Verb form: was/were + past participle form of the verb  Examples:  A letter was written by me. A glass was broken by Ram. The chance was missed by you.
Past continuous tense	Verb form: was/were + -ing form of the verb  Examples:  I was learning my lessons. She was writing a report. They were making toys.	Verb form: was/were + being + past participle form of the verb  Examples:  My lessons were being learnt by me. A report was being written by her. Toys were being made by them.

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Past perfect tense	Verb form: had + past participle form of the verb  Examples I had finished the project. She had learned her lessons.	Verb form: had + been + past participle form of the verb  Examples: The project had been finished by me. Her lessons had been learned by her.
Simple future tense	Verb form: will/shall + first form of the verb  Examples I will finish the job. She will solve the problem.	Verb form: will/shall + be + past participle form of the verb  Examples: The job will be finished by me. The problem will be solved by her.
Future perfect	Verb form: will/shall + have + past participle form of the verb  Examples I will have finished the job. She will have solved the problem.	Verb form: will/shall + have + been + past participle form of the verb  Examples The job will have been finished by me. The problem will have been solved by her.