

Changing imperative sentences into the passive

Sentences expressing ideas such as *request, order, advice, suggestion and prohibition* are called imperative sentences. Such sentences are changed into the passive voice in the following manner.

Active: Please lend me your book.

Passive: You are requested to lend me your book.

Active: Please finish this job first.

Passive: You are requested to finish this job first.

Active: Fetch me a glass of water.

Passive: You are ordered to fetch me a glass of water.

Active: Work hard to get good marks in the examination.

Passive: You are advised to work hard to get good marks in the examination.

Active: Do not pluck flowers.

Passive: You are forbidden from plucking flowers. OR Let the flowers not be plucked.

Active: Do it.

Passive: Let it be done. OR You are ordered to do it.

Active: Let him do it.

Passive: Let him be allowed to do it.

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Active: Consult a doctor.

Passive: You are advised to consult a doctor.

Use of modals

Sentences that use the modal auxiliary verb are changed into passive in the following manner.

Active: You ought to respect your elders.

Passive: Your elders ought to be respected by you.

Active: You should learn your lesson.

Passive: Your lesson should be learnt by you.