

## Simple Future Passive

### When do we use it?

- Used when the receiver of the action is **more important** than the doer of the action
- Used when the doer of the action is **unknown** or we do not want the doer to be known
- Used when it is **obvious** who the doer is and it does not need to be mentioned
- Used when the doer is **irrelevant**
- Used when **writing for certain genres**, such as science reports or academic journals

### Transformation from active sentences to passive:

In active sentences the subject of the sentence is the doer of the action.

In passive sentences the receiver of the action occurs in the subject position and the doer moves to a sometimes optional *by*-phrase in the object position

| Voice   | Subject  | Verb            | Object   |
|---------|----------|-----------------|----------|
| Active  | Sarah    | will write      | a letter |
| Passive | A letter | will be written | by Sarah |

In the active sentence above, *the letter* is the receiver of the action. In the passive *the letter* is now the subject of the sentence.

*Sarah* in the active sentence is the doer of the verb. In the passive sentence *Sarah* becomes the object of the preposition '*by*'.

Active: Subject + will/shall + first form of the verb + object

Passive: Object of the active sentence + will/shall + be + past participle form of the verb (+ *by* + subject of the active sentence)



Generally, only sentences that contain a **transitive verb** can be made passive as these always have an object which is needed when constructing a sentence in the passive voice. It therefore follows that **intransitive verbs** (e.g. come, walk) which do not have an object cannot be written in the passive. This also applies to **measure verbs** (e.g. cost, weigh).

#### Example:

Hannah will come to the meeting -> ~~The meeting will be come to Hannah~~

The ring will cost a lot of money -> ~~A lot of money will cost by this ring~~

### ① Form the active sentences into the passive:

- Active: 'All the school girls will wear skirts for the concert.'

Passive:

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- Active: 'They will start serving lunch at 1 p.m.'
- Passive:

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② Can these sentences be formed in the passive?

'She will die tomorrow.'

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No,  
why not?

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'The car will be expensive.'

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No,  
why not?

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'The teachers will test the samples.'

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No,  
why not?

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'He will earn a lot of money.'

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No,  
why not?

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'This monkey will weigh a lot.'

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No,  
why not?

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