



# English



Self-Learning pack  
Grade 8



## Lesson-26

## Let's construct passive voice sentences.

## Past simple -passive

Read the conversation. Pay attention to the underlined sentences.

(2) Yes It **was presented** in a simple way.

(1) Did you watch the science lesson on TV ?

(3) Yes, a science lesson **was taught** in an interesting way.

The lesson **was presented** with animations.

Oh yes. The animations **were created** in a lively.

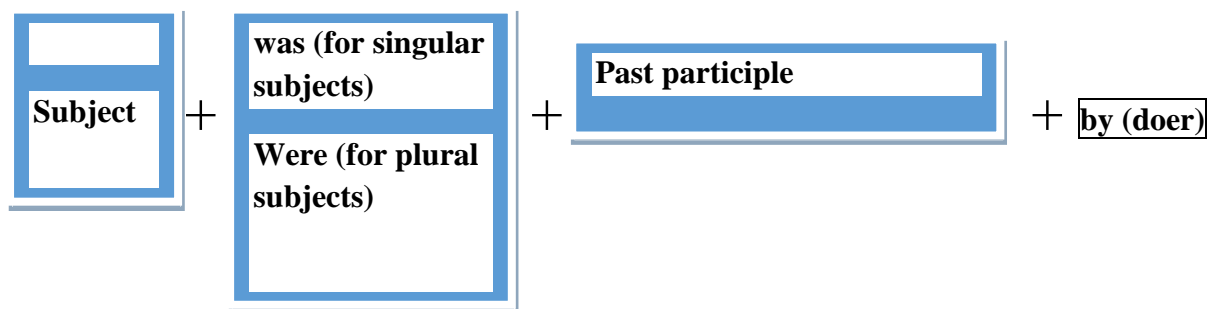
➤ Generally, we use the passive when the focus is on the action and NOT on WHO or WHAT is performing the action.

- It **was presented** in a simple way. (Doer – the person who does the action, is not mentioned – a completed action in past)
- A science lesson **was taught** in an interesting way. (Doer is not mentioned - a completed action in past)
- Curfew **was imposed** in several areas. ( Doer is not mentioned - a completed action in past)

➤ If we want to mention the doer we can give it using –by as follows.

- Dynamite was invented **by Alfred Nobel**.
- Light bulb was invented **by Thomas Alva Edison**.

## Construction (Form)



**Activity 26.1** (a) Given below is a page from Rukmal's diary. Read it paying your attention to the underlined verbs.

Before you start reading, check the meanings of these words.

- celebrated – සැමරුවා
- issued - නිකුත් කළා
- followed - අනුගමනය කළා
- hang - එල්ලුවා
- decorated - සැරසුවා
- illuminated - ආලෝකමත් කළා
- lit - දැල්වුවා
- telecast - විකාශය කළා



### A page from Rukmal's diary

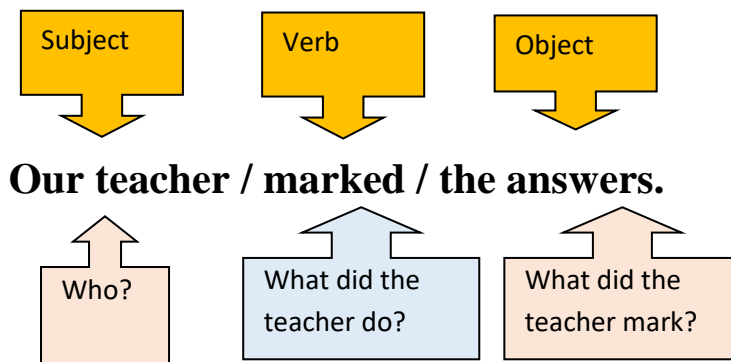
“This time Vesak was celebrated in a different manner by us. Special guidelines were issued by the health ministry due to the Covid-19 pandemic. These guidelines were followed by the Buddhists. Religious programmes were telecast throughout the day. However, colourful lanterns were made by us. Buddhist flags were hung in front of the house. The wall around our house was decorated with colourful streamers. In the evening, the lanterns were hung in the garden. Oil lamps were lit. The garden was illuminated by the light of oil lamps and lanterns.”

(b) Copy the underlined verbs in the above text into the following grid. Then, fill the other column. Use the verbs given in the help box. One has been done for you.

Simple past passive form	Simple past form
was celebrated	celebrated

## Activity 26.2

Study the following.



➤ Now, try to mark the subject, verb, object of the following sentences. Follow the example given above.

- a) The teachers delivered online lessons.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- b) Many students created new exhibits for the exhibition.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- c) The prefects arranged the main hall for a meeting.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- d) They distributed books among the students  
\_\_\_\_\_
- e) The government extended school vacation.  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Activity 2.3

Read the sentences given below. Underline the verb of each sentence. Write (AV) if the sentence is in Active voice and (PV) if the sentence is in passive voice. One is done for you.

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|--|-------|
| a) My father <u>bought</u> newspapers.             | (AV ) |
| b) Invitations were sent to all the guests.        | ( )   |
| c) Children played indoor games.                   | ( )   |
| d) A report was handed over to the President.      | ( )   |
| e) Mihiri celebrated her 14th birthday.            | ( )   |
| f) A/L examination was held last month.            | ( )   |
| g) Medical tests were done by the health officers. | ( )   |
| h) Some areas in Gampaha were locked down.         | ( )   |



☞ Let's learn to transform active voice sentences in simple past into passive voice.

	Active Voice	Passive Voice
1	<b>The girl</b> took a photograph. (S) (V) (O) 1 2 3	A photograph <u>was</u> taken by the girl. 3 2 1
2	<b>The girls</b> took a photograph. (S) (V) (O) 1 2 3	A photograph <u>was</u> taken by the girls. 3 2 1
3	<b>The girl</b> took photographs. (S) (V) (O) 1 2 3	Photographs <u>were</u> taken by the girl. 3 2 1

- The object of the active voice sentence becomes the subject of the passive voice sentence.
- If the subject of the passive voice sentence is singular the verb is formed by was + past participle
- If the subject of the passive voice sentence is plural, the verb is formed by were+ past participle

#### Activity 26.4

Put ✓ if the sentence is correct and ✗ if it is wrong.

- (a) Water was boil. (\_\_\_\_ )
- (b) A tea bag was placed in a cup. (\_\_\_\_ )
- (c) Boiled water were poured into the cup. (\_\_\_\_ )
- (d) It was kept for a few minutes for the tea to brew. (\_\_\_\_ )
- (e) Sugar were added. (\_\_\_\_ )



## Activity 26.5

Rewrite the following sentences in passive voice. You can use the words given in help box, if needed. One is done for you.

- (a) The villagers cleaned the road side drains.  
The road side drains were cleaned by the villagers.
- (b) He wrote the answers.  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) She collected stamps.  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- (d) They arranged the party.  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- (e) Mother planned the trip.  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- (f) Students did the activity.  
 \_\_\_\_\_

## Help Box

written  
 collected  
 arranged  
 planned  
 done



## Activity 26.7

This is how Raj celebrated last Deepawali festival. Complete the blanks by using the correct form of the verbs given.



Deepawali festival was celebrated (celebrate) on 14<sup>th</sup> of November. Before the festival, our home \_\_\_\_\_ (clean) by us. Different types of sweet meats \_\_\_\_\_ (prepare) at home. Then, colorful patterns called “Kolam” \_\_\_\_\_ (draw) on the floor of our doorway, by my mother and sisters. During Deepawali, the finest clothes \_\_\_\_\_ (wear) by us. On Deepawali day, special ‘pooja’ \_\_\_\_\_ (performed) to worship the Goddess Lakshmi. Our home \_\_\_\_\_ (illuminate) with special lamps called ‘diyas. Gifts \_\_\_\_\_ (shared) among the family members. At night, fireworks \_\_\_\_\_ lit. The whole area \_\_\_\_\_ illuminated with the light of the oil lamps.