LESSON NOTE ON ENGLISH LANGUAGE WEEK 8

**SUBJECT:** English Language

**TOPIC:** Grammar: Active and passive voices

**CLASS:** JS3

**WEEK:** 8

**Introduction**

The **active voice** shows what someone or something does.

Examples:

* The cat (subject) chased (verb) the mouse (object).
* Jide locked the door.

The **passive voice** shows what happened to someone or something.

Examples:

* The mouse (object) was chased (verb) by the cat.
* The door was locked by Jide.

The following shows sentences changed from active to passive in the major tenses.

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|  | **Active voice** | **Passive voice** | **Time reference** |
| 1 | Kate washes the dishes. | The dishes are washed by Kate. | Present |
| 2 | Kate is washing the dishes. | The dishes **are being washed** by Kate. | Present continuous |
| 3 | Kate washed the dishes. | The dishes were washed by Kate. | Simple past |
| 4 | Kate was washing the dishes when I arrived. | The dishes were being washed by Kate I arrived. | Past continuous |
| 5 | Kate has washed the dishes | The dishes have been washed by Kate. | Present perfect |
| 6 | Kate is going to wash the dishes later. | The dishes are going to be washed later by Kate | Future intention with *going to* |
| 7 | Kate will wash the dishes later. | The dishes will be washed later by Kate. | Simple future |

In passive voices, the object, take the position of the subject.

Carefully study the tables below.

The following shows sentences changed from active to passive in the major tenses.

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|  | **Subject (actor)** | **Auxiliary verb** | **Main verb** | **Object** |
| 1 | Rekia | will | Write | The letter. |
| 2 | Eze | must | Cut | The grass. |
| 3 | Layo | may | Spend | The money. |
| 4 | We | Ought to | Learn | French. |
| 5 | You | should | Write | The exam. |

The following shows sentences changed from passive to active in the major tenses.

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|  | **Subject (receiver)** | **Auxiliary verb** | **BE verb** | **Past participle** | **Agent by + actor (subject)** |
| 1 | The letter | will | be | Written | By Rekia. |
| 2 | The grass | must | Be | Cut | By Eze. |
| 3 | The money | will | Be | Spent | By Layo. |
| 4 | French | Ought to | Be | Learnt | By us. |
| 5 | The exam | should | Be | Written | By you. |

**HOMEWORK**

Change the following sentences from active to passive.

1. They make noodles in the factory.
2. You must wash your clothes in the laundry.
3. They built the television house in the 1950s.
4. The candidates will finish their practicals by evening.
5. They are going to build a new shopping mall in Kaduna.