

Chapter 8. Verbs: Active and Passive Voice

Exercise 1. Read this simple method of preparing a delicious and nourishing vegetable stew.

Vegetable Stew

Ingredients

115 gm potatoes
115 gm tomatoes
115 gm carrots
100 gm beans
100 gm onions
5 green chillies
1/2 tsp ginger paste
1/2 tsp garlic paste
1/2 coconut
1/2 bunch coriander leaves
2 tsp oil
Salt to taste

Method

Wash and cut the vegetables. Slice the onions and green chillies. Grate the coconut and extract one cup first milk and one cup second milk.
Heat the oil, add the onions and green chillies and fry till onions are transparent. Add ginger and garlic paste, vegetables and salt. Fry for a few seconds, then add the second milk and cook till the vegetables are done. Add the first milk, simmer for a while and remove from the fire. Add coriander leaves as garnish. Serve with boiled rice or white bread.

Rewrite the method using **simple present tense passive forms** of the verbs. Begin like this:

Vegetables are washed and cut. The onions and green chillies...

Exercise 2. Rewrite these sentences in the **passive form**.
Include the phrase **by ...** only where necessary:

1. We expect everyone to do their duty.

2. They were making important announcements over a loudspeaker.

3. We should dispose of the old furniture.

4. When do we expect the train?

5. Who has removed my bag from here?

6. Somebody had already informed the police.

7. Do you sell stationery here?

8. Give the patient this medicine every three hours. (The patient should be given...)

9. Do not make a noise here.

10. My father gave me a new pen.

11. People say that this tree is over five hundred years old.

12. Let the students themselves manage this class library.

13. Don't impose your wishes on the children.

14. I want you to serve me bed tea at 5 a.m.

15. Take your dog to the vet immediately.

Exercise 3. Change these sentences from **passive** to **active** voice:

1. The internet is now used by millions of people.

2. Internet websites have been created by many companies.

3. Every student is being issued two library tickets.

4. The speech will be followed by a discussion on the topic.

5. The meaning of the dream was clearly explained by the psychologist.

6. This publicity campaign is expected to boost the sales.

7. These books must be returned to the library before Saturday.

8. You are requested not to talk in the corridor.

9. Let this packet of green tea be given to Uncle Ravi.

10. Let the walls of my room be painted sky blue.

11. The case had already been investigated thoroughly.

12. Who was the team being coached by?

13. How many students have been called for the audition?

14. Was the assignment submitted in time?

15. Have all the cartons of apples been despatched?
