



Mini Lesson 162 - The Passive Voice with Different Modals

The passive voice is used when we want to focus on the action and the recipient of the action rather than who is performing the action. We form the passive voice using the verb "to be" + past participle of the main verb. When we use modals (can, could, will, would, may, might, must), the structure changes slightly.

Modals in Passive Voice:

- "Can be" for ability: The homework can be completed.
- "Could be" for possibility: The project could be finished by Friday.
- "Will be" for future certainty: Letters will be sent out tomorrow.
- "Would be" for hypothetical situations: The job would be done if we had more time.
- "May be" for possibility: The results may be announced later.
- "Might be" for lesser possibility: The event might be canceled.

Structure:

- Affirmative: Subject + modal + be + past participle
- Negative: Subject + modal + not + be + past participle
- Questions: Modal + subject + be + past participle?





Exercises:

Section 1: Fill in the Blanks

Complete the sentences using the correct modal and passive voice form of the verb in parentheses.

1. The new rules _____ (can/change) if there is enough support.
2. The homework _____ (must/complete) by all students.
3. A new teacher _____ (will/hire) next semester.
4. The decision _____ (might/make) by the committee tomorrow.
5. The song _____ (could/play) on the radio soon.
6. The invitations _____ (must/send) by the end of the week.
7. This book _____ (can/read) by anyone interested in history.

Section 2: Rewrite the Sentences

Rewrite the following sentences in the passive voice using the given modal.

1. They can solve the problem.
- The problem _____ (can/solve) by them.
2. The chef will prepare the meal.
- The meal _____ (will/prepare) by the chef.
3. The teacher might explain the lesson.
- The lesson _____ (might/explain) by the teacher.
4. They could finish the project.
- The project _____ (could/finish) by them.
5. She must finish her homework.
- Her homework _____ (must/finish) by her.





Section 3: Choose the Correct Modal

Circle the correct modal word to complete each sentence in the passive voice.

1. The test (may/must) be reviewed before submission.
2. The cookies (can/would) be baked by my mom for the party.
3. The final decision (will/might) be made next week.
4. The report (could/must not) be forgotten at school.
5. The package (can/would) be delivered tomorrow.

Section 4: Complete the Dialogue

Fill in the blanks using the correct modal and passive voice form of the verb in parentheses.

A: Will the project _____ (complete) by Friday?

B: Yes, it _____ (can/finish) in time.

A: And what about the presentation?

B: The slides _____ (might/make) by Jake and Emma.

A: I hope they _____ (can/prepare) them properly.

B: Don't worry, everything _____ (will/organize) before the deadline.





Answers:

Section 1:

1. can be changed
2. must be completed
3. will be hired
4. might be made
5. could be played
6. must be sent
7. can be read

Section 2:

1. The problem can be solved by them.
2. The meal will be prepared by the chef.
3. The lesson might be explained by the teacher.
4. The project could be finished by them.
5. Her homework must be finished by her.

Section 3:

1. may
2. can
3. will
4. must not
5. can

Section 4:

1. be completed
2. can be finished
3. might be made
4. can prepare
5. will be organized

