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Look at the following sentences:

He called me a fool.

They gave her a gift.

Here we find that there are two objects. In the first sentence, we have 'me and 'a fool' whereas 'her and 'a gift' in the second one.

See the passive voice of these sentences:

I was called a fool by him.

*She was given a gift by them.

*It is not necessary to use 'by them' in such sentences.

Exercise

Change the following into Passive:

1. That child broke the blue vase.

The blue vase was broken. by. that.child..

2. Boys make noise.

3. My brother enjoys reading the Gulliver's Tales
4. The captain hit the ball early.
5. The accused denies the charges.
6. I love the stories of O. Henry.
- 7 He offered me a cold drink.
8. The barber gave me a haircut.
9. The teacher answered all queries.
10. The minister flagged off the new train.
