**25. ACTIVE AND PASSIVE VOICES**

1. **Underline the subjects in the following sentences and write whether the sentences are in the active or passive voice:**
   1. Compared to last year, **the number of tourists visiting this island** has gone up. (**active voice**)
   2. **Several bird species** migrate to the south for winter. (**active voice**)
   3. **The match** has been postponed till Friday. (**passive voice**)
   4. **Jamal** has always had a fascination for history. (**active voice**)
   5. **The clown at the party** was received very well by the kids. (**passive voice**)
   6. **The participants** have been asked to adhere to the rules. (**passive voice**)
   7. **We** are going to buy a new refrigerator. (**active voice**)
   8. **The neighbours** had been playing loud music all night. (**active voice**)
2. **Change these sentences from active voice to passive voice:**
   1. The verdict has been given by the jury.
   2. The water bottles were kept in the freezer by the waiter.
   3. The parents had already been informed by the teacher.
   4. The match was being watched by Maria and her friends.
   5. We have been given extra homework before the holidays by the teachers.
   6. Even before the mechanic arrived, the computer had already been fixed by my sister.
   7. All the furniture could be moved to the hall by us.
   8. Make sure that all the books are kept on one shelf.
3. **Rewrite the following sentences in the active voice:**
   1. The authorities have given the prisoners a second chance to lead honest lives.
   2. The famous dancers from Denmark performed the final dance.
   3. The last earthquake in the region destroyed the old temple.
   4. Their coaches had trained the athletes well.
   5. The politician avoided all important issues during his speech.
   6. The parliament has passed the new bill.
   7. An audience of millions was watching the match on TV.
4. **Rewrite the following paragraph in the passive voice. The active verbs are underlined. You do not need to include the doer of the action:**

The house was cleaned thoroughly. First, all the rooms were swept.

Then, the walls were scrubbed clean with warm water and detergent. During this exercise, many holes and chinks in the walls were noticed. So, a packet of putty was bought from the market. It was mixed with water to make a paste. Then all the holes were filled with it. After that, two shades of paint were bought, yellow for the walls, and purple for the ceilings. First, the ceilings were done, so that all the paint drops that fell on the walls could be covered when they were being painted. Once the ceilings had been done, all the walls were coated with a white paint. Then, two coats of the chosen colour were given to each wall. Then, the floor was cleaned with warm water and detergent again.