

CHAPTER-01**THE PASSIVE VOICE****1. Read the given extract and answer the questions that follow.**

“I didn’t like the school my parents chose for my sister. They should have sent her to my school, where I could have kept a watch on her and made sure she behaved properly. Instead she was sent to what mother calls a ‘progressive school. This meant my sister thought she knew more about everything than I did and pestered me about stuff I did n’t care about-especially English grammar”

- i) Which school was his sister sent to?
- ii) Why didn’t he like the proposition of sending his sister to a different school?
- iii) Why would she pester the narrator?
- iv) Name the chapter.

2. “A few days ago, she asked me , ‘Do you know about question tags?’ I almost choked on my milk, which is not difficult to do because I hate milk.”

- i) What did the narrator’s sister ask him?
- ii) Why did he choke on milk?
- iii) What was the narrator doing?
- iv) Did the narrator know the answer to his sister’s questions?

3. ‘ Do you know’, she said, ‘that the passive voice is used when we are not sure who has done the action? Or when it is not important to know who has done the action.’”

- i) What did she tell her brother?
- ii) What is important in passive voice?
- iii) Name the speaker.
- iv) Is the narrator eager to know about grammar?

4. 'I don't know why the teacher said nothing for a minute and then smiled and left the class. Maybe she was in a hurry to get to her next class. Maybe she too had got tired of Gia's voice. But I think she was really impressed by my knowledge of the passive voice and the fine examples I had given!'

- i)What did the narrator speculate about the teacher's silence?
- ii)What did the teacher ask for to the narrator?
- iii)Did she like the narrator's knowledge on grammar?
- iv)What had the narrator done?

2. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each.

- i)What did the narrator want about sending his sister to school?
- ii) Narrate the funny incident that happened in school?
- iii) How did the narrator's knowledge on passive voice help him avoid being punished?
- iv)What reply did the narrator give the teacher in the end?
- v)Why did Pia scream in the class?
- vi)Why did the grammar not leave the class in the end?
- vii)How did Pia and Gia's plaits create abuzz in the class?
- viii)Which strange incident does the narrator narrate in the story?

Long Answer Questions...

- 1. Attempt a character sketch of the narrator.
- 2. Narrate the funny incident in school in detail.