

Passive voice with modal verbs

The use of passive voice is recommended in two situations:

- when the action is more important than the doer.
- when we don't know who performs the action.

Passive voice can be useful in scientific or technical reports, where the doer is not really important but the process or explanation we are developing are more relevant.

You can use the following structure with modal verbs:

Modal verb	The verb <i>be</i>	Past participle of action verb
Might	be	<i>Regular examples:</i>
Must		finished
Should		washed
Could		opened
Would		<i>Irregular examples:</i>
Can		caught
Will		spent
		done

Task 1: Rewrite the sentences using the passive voice and a modal verb.

1. Children (should / motivate) to do sports instead of playing video games.

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2. Social networks (should / prohibit) at schools.

_____ .

3. In the future, most books (will / read) on computers.

_____ .

4. Our environment (must / protect).

_____ .

Task 2: Change the following sentences to passive voice.

1. You must put out all smoking materials.

_____ .

2. You must fasten the seat belt.

_____ .

3. They will demonstrate safety precautions.

_____ .

4. You should read the safety instructions.

_____ .

5. You can store small packages in the overhead compartment.

_____ .

6. You can buy bananas and oranges in the market.

_____ .

7. All passengers must wear life vests.

_____ .