

The Donkey's Shadow

UNIT 7

Objectives

On completion of this unit you'll be able to identify and use the following structures and expressions in your reading, writing, listening and speaking :

- passive voice in present simple tense
- passive voice in past simple tense
- passive voice in present continuous, present perfect and future simple tenses



Overview

Lesson 1 : The Winter Rice

Learning point : *passive voice in present simple tense*

Lesson 2 : The Donkey's Shadow

Learning point : *passive voice in past simple tense*

Lesson 3 : Bangladesh in the 21st Century

Learning point : *passive voice in present continuous, present perfect and future simple tenses*

Lesson 4 : Revision and Test

Answer Key

The Winter Rice

LESSON

1



A

*Read the following passage and answer the questions at **C** and **D**.*

Alim is studying agriculture at school. One day he found the term 'winter rice' in his book. He could not understand it. So he asked his father,

"Father, what is meant by the term 'winter rice'?"

His father answered, "Rice is known by its harvest season; winter rice means the rice that is harvested in winter. Aman is the winter rice".

"Oh I see. Father, could you tell me how Aman rice is cultivated?"

"Sure. Listen to me carefully. Aman seeds are first sown in a seed-bed in the month of July. When the seedlings are one month old they are transplanted in the field. The land should be ploughed well and made wet before that.



"What fertilizers should be used?"

"Potash and TSP should be used in the soil at the time of ploughing. After transplantation Urea should be used three times – once after ten days, once after one month and the last time before flowering."



"What other steps should to be taken for a good harvest?"

"The field should be kept free from weeds, insects and other pests. Standing water is necessary during the growth period. This should be ensured. If these steps are taken a good harvest can be expected."



B

Read and note.

harvest season	:	season for cutting of crops	শস্য কাটার ঋতু
cultivate (v)	:	চাষ করা	Past Participle (PP)-cultivated
sow (v)	:	বপন করা	PP sown
seed-bed	:	বীজ তলা	
seedling	:	young plant newly grown from a seed	চারা গাছ
transplant (v)	:	take up plants with roots and plant them in another place	রোপণ করা PP. transplanted
plough (v)	:	till with a plough	লাঙল দ্বারা চাষ করা PP. ploughed
potash	:	পটাশ সার	
TSP	:	Triple Super Phosphate	ফসফরাস সমৃদ্ধ এক ধরনের সার
Urea	:	ইউরিয়া সার	
step	:	measure	উপায়
weed	:	useless plant	আগাছা
insect	:	পোকামাকড়	
pest	:	ক্ষতিকারক বস্তু বা প্রাণী	
ensure (v)	:	make sure	নিশ্চিত করা PP. ensured
a good harvest	:	ভালো ফসল	
expect (v)	:	প্রত্যাশা করা	PP. expected



C

Choose the correct answer.

- 1 Aman rice is harvested in
A July B Summer C Winter D Spring
- 2 Seeds of Aman rice are first sown in
A the field B the seed-bed
C back yard D the hill
- 3 The Aman seedlings are transplanted
A when they are ten days old.

The Donkey's Shadow

LESSON

2

A



Alim was reading a book named Aesop's Fable. He found the following story in that book. Read the story and answer the questions at C.

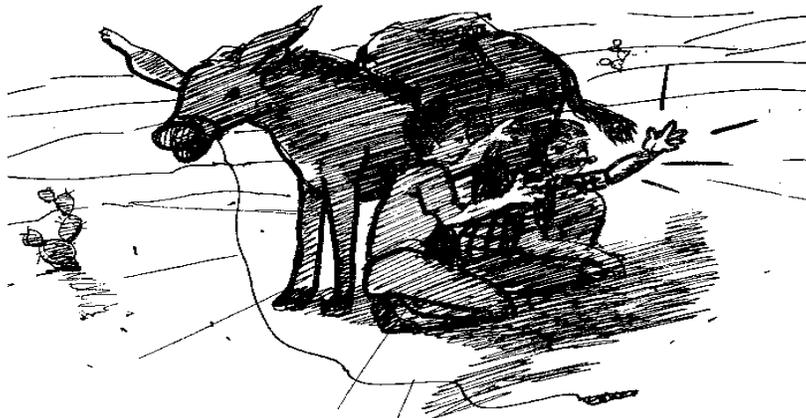
Aesop was born long ago in ancient Greece. At that time people were sold in market like cattle. Those sold people were called slaves. Aesop was a slave. He was owned by a man who liked to hear stories. Aesop used to tell him stories. His stories were very interesting. They were liked by everybody. Even today people like them. These stories are known as Aesop's fables. Here is a fable by Aesop.



Aesop's Fable

Once a man hired a donkey of another man to go to a distant place. The donkey's owner went with him to bring back the donkey. He walked while the other man rode the donkey.

At mid day they decided to stop and have lunch. It was a hot day and they were in the middle of a desert. There was no shadow any where. The only shadow was that of the donkey. The donkey's owner sat there.



The other man pushed him and said, "Why are you sitting here? This donkey has been hired by me. So its shadow belongs to me. I'll sit here, not you."

The other man answered, "you hired my donkey, but not its shadow. The shadow belongs to me. I'll sit here."

They pushed each other. Then they began to fight. The donkey was frightened and it ran away. The two men were left in the hot desert sun.

Moral : It is foolish to fight for a small thing.



B

Read and note.

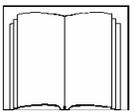
was born	:	জন্মগ্রহণ করেছিল। born is PP. of bear (প্রসব করা) bear - bore - born His mother bore him. He was born.
ancient	:	very old প্রাচীন
cattle	:	bulls, cows etc. গবাদি পশু
own (v)	:	possess অধিকার করা PP. owned
hire (v)	:	ভাড়া করা PP. hired
donkey	:	ass গাধা
owner	:	one who owns মালিক
desert	:	gī "মি
shadow	:	ছায়া
belong (v)	:	অধিকারভুক্ত হওয়া PP. belonged
leave (v)	:	ত্যাগ করা PP. left



C

Refer to the story and answer the following questions.

- 1 Where was Aesop born?
- 2 What was he?
- 3 Why did he tell stories?
- 4 Who liked his stories?
- 5 Why did a man hire a donkey?
- 6 Why did the donkey's owner go with him?
- 7 What did they decide to do at mid day?
- 8 Who sat in the donkey's shadow?
- 9 Why did the other man push him?
- 10 Why did they fight?
- 11 What happened as a result?
- 12 What is the moral of the story?



D

Note the following sentences.

- 1 Aesop was born long ago in ancient Greece.
- 2 At that time people were sold in the market like cattle.

To use the passive voice in the past simple tense we use past form of 'be' verb (i.e. was/were) followed by past participle form of the main verb. This is used to describe past actions.



Use the words given below to make sentence in the passive voice. Use past simple tense (was/were + PP. of verb). The first two have been done for you.

- 1 This building (build) many years ago.
Ans. This building was built many years ago.
- 2 They (invite) to the party.
Ans. They were invited to the party.
- 3 My glasses (break) last week.
- 4 Many people (injure) in the accident.
- 5 The letter (send) to a wrong address.
- 6 Jute (grow) in this field last year.
- 7 His bicycle (steal) last month.
- 8 Telephone (invent) by Alexander Graham Bell.
- 9 He (bite) by a dog last month.
- 10 He (give) injections.

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Note the following expression.

was/were born

Aesop *was born* in Ancient Greece.



Now complete the following sentences with the given hints. Use 'was/were born'. One is done for you.

- 1 Hasan/Chittagong/1949.
Hasan was born in Chittagong in 1949.
- 2 Ratan/Bagerhat.
Ratan was _____.
- 3 Habib/1935 _____.
- 4 Rehana/Khulna/1960 _____.
- 5 You/Pabna/1968 _____.



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Answer the following questions about yourself.

- 1 Where were you born?
- 2 In which year were you born?
- 3 Where and when was your father born?

Bangladesh in the 21st Century

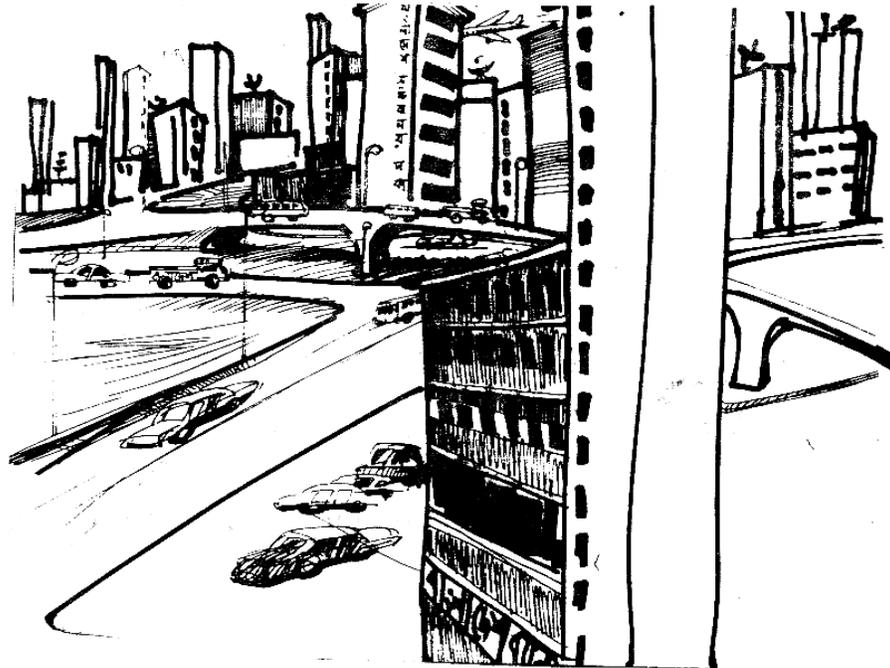
LESSON

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A



The next day Alim was reading a newspaper. He found a very interesting sub-editorial. Read the sub-editorial and answer the questions at C.



The Coming Century



The 20th century is coming to an end. Very soon we will enter the 21st century. What kind of life do we expect in the coming century?

Bangladesh is a small over-populated country. Our main problem, population explosion, has been checked to some extent. We hope it will be fully checked in the next century.

Another problem is lack of education. Most of our people are illiterate. Steps are being taken to eradicate illiteracy. We hope it will be completely eradicated in the 21st century.

Free education upto primary level is now being provided. We hope this will be raised upto secondary level.

Poverty and lack of employment are our serious problems. Some steps have already been taken to solve them. But greater effort is necessary. We hope that in the 21st century nobody will remain unemployed. All men and women will find suitable jobs.

What will be the condition of women? Will they be free to make decisions for themselves. We hope that all women will be educated and economically independent.

Now-a-days modern facilities, such as electricity, telephone, gas, water and sanitation are provided only for people of cities and towns. We hope that in the 21st century these facilities will be provided for everybody. Everybody will enjoy a healthy, happy and prosperous life.

Do you think these are possible or are they dreams? If we all try can't we make these dreams come true?



B

Read and note.

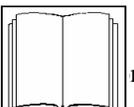
Century	:	100 years	শতাব্দী
population explosion	:	জনসংখ্যা বিস্ফোরণ, জনসংখ্যার অতি বৃদ্ধি	
check (v)	:	restrain	নিয়ন্ত্রণ PP. checked
eradicate (v)	:	root out	সমলে উৎপাদ করা PP. eradicated
illiteracy	:		নিরক্ষরতা
provide (v)	:	supply	যোগানো PP. provided
primary level	:		প্রাথমিক স্তর
raise (v)	:	lift up	উত্তোলন করা PP. raised
secondary level	:		মাধ্যমিক স্তর
poverty	:	state of being poor	দারিদ্র্য
lack	:	want, shortage	অভাব
employment	:	job opportunities	চাকুরী
effort	:	attempt	চেষ্টা
unemployed	:	without employment	বেকার
suitable	:	appropriate	উপযুক্ত, যথার্থ
make decision	:		সিদ্ধান্ত গ্রহণ করা
facilities	:		সুযোগ সুবিধা
prosperous	:	rich and successful	সমৃদ্ধ

C



Note that the writer expects some changes to take place in the 21st century. Write against each sector mentioned below the expected changes. Two have been done for you.

Sector	Expected Changes
1 Population	- Population explosion will be fully checked.
2 Literacy	- Illiteracy will be completely eradicated.
3 Education	-
4 Employment	-
5 Women	-
6 Modern facilities	-



D

Read the following sentences.

- 1 Population explosion **has been checked** to some extent.
- 2 Steps **are being taken** to eradicate illiteracy.
- 3 Illiteracy **will be** completely **eradicated** in the 21st century.

In sentence 1 present perfect tense has been used. The form is :
has /have + been + PP. of verb.

In sentence 2 present continuous tense has been used. The form is :
am/is/are + being + PP. of verb.

In sentence 3 future simple tense has been used. The form is :
shall/will + be + PP. of verb.



Now fill in the blanks with the suitable passive forms of the given verbs.
Two have been done for you.

- 1 Don't enter the room. It _____ now. (clean)
Ans. Don't enter the room. It is being cleaned now.
- 2 I can't find my purse. I think it _____. (steal)
Ans. I can't find my purse. I think it has been stolen.
- 3 We hope that poverty _____ in the coming century. (remove)
- 4 Free education upto secondary level _____ for girls now. (provide)
- 5 We hope soon it _____ for both boys and girls. (provide)
- 6 A decision _____ already _____ to check population explosion.
(make)
- 7 Electricity _____ already _____ to some villages. (supply)
- 8 We hope that in near future it _____ to all villages. (supply)
- 9 At present steps _____ to improve the condition of women. (take)
- 10 When _____ health and happiness _____ by everybody?
(enjoy)

E



You want to make a pen-friend in Australia and you you've found Roger's address from a magazine. Roger wants to know about his pen-friend. Write a letter to him providing the following information about yourself :

Your name, the year and place of your birth, your occupation, the place you live in, the facilities you enjoy and lack, your dream for the future.

You can begin like this -

Dear Roger,

I've found your address in a magazine and I would like to be your pen-friend. Here is a short account of myself :

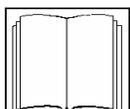
My name is _____ I was born in (place) _____
in the year _____ ...

Revision and Test

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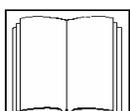
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A



In this unit you have learnt the use of the passive voice. Why is the passive voice used? It is used when the action is more important than the doer of the action. That is why in passive sentences the agent (i.e. the doer of the action) is quite often not mentioned.

ROME WAS NOT BUILT IN A DAY.



B

Remember the forms of the passive.

1 Present Simple Tense

am/is/are/be + PP. of verb

- e.g I **am** always **invited** to their parties.
Aman rice **is harvested** in winter.
The seeds **are sown** in July.
Urea **should be applied** three times.
If these steps **are taken** a good harvest **can be expected**.

2 Past Simple Tense

was/were + PP. of verb

- e.g My purse **was stolen** yesterday.

These buildings **were built** many years ago.

3 Present Continuous Tense

am/is/are + being PP. of verb

e.g I **am being disturbed** by the noise.

The room **is being cleaned** now.

Steps **are being taken** to remove poverty.

4 Present Perfect Tense

has/have + been + PP. of verb

e.g A decision **has been made** to eradicate illiteracy.

I **have been invited** to the party.

5 Future Simple Tense

shall/will + be + PP. of verb

e.g **Shall we be invited** to the party?

All modern facilities **will be provided** for everybody in the 21st century.

C



Use the correct form of the verbs given below to fill in the blanks. Use the passive voice. The first one has been done for you.

clean	bite	build	transplant
play	use	remove	sell
sow	harvest		

1 This building is very old. It was built many years ago.

2 This room looks nice. It _____ just now.

3 Last week he ___ by a dog. Now he ___ injections.

4 Aman seeds _____ in July.

5 Seedlings of Aman rice _____ in August.

6 Potash and TSP should _____ in the soil at the time of ploughing.

7 Aman rice _____ in winter.

8 We hope that poverty _____ completely from Bangladesh in the next century.

9 In ancient Greece people _____ in market like cattle.

10 Cricket _____ in many countries of the world.



D
Match the sentence parts in column A with those in column B to make meaningful sentences. Try orally first and then write the sentences.

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A

- 1 Aman seeds are
- 2 The seedlings are
- 3 Potash and TSP are
- 4 Urea should be
- 5 Aman rice is

B

- a) used three times
- b) sown in a seed bed in July
- c) transplanted one month later
- d) harvested in winter
- e) used at the time of ploughing

eg 1/b Aman seeds are sown in a seed bed in July.

D²

A

- 1 Aesop was born
- 2 At that time people were sold
- 3 Aesop was
- 4 He used to tell
- 5 These stories are known

B

- a) in market like cattle.
- b) as Aesop's fables.
- c) stories to his master.
- d) a slave.
- e) in ancient Greece.

eg 1/e Aesop was born in ancient Greece.

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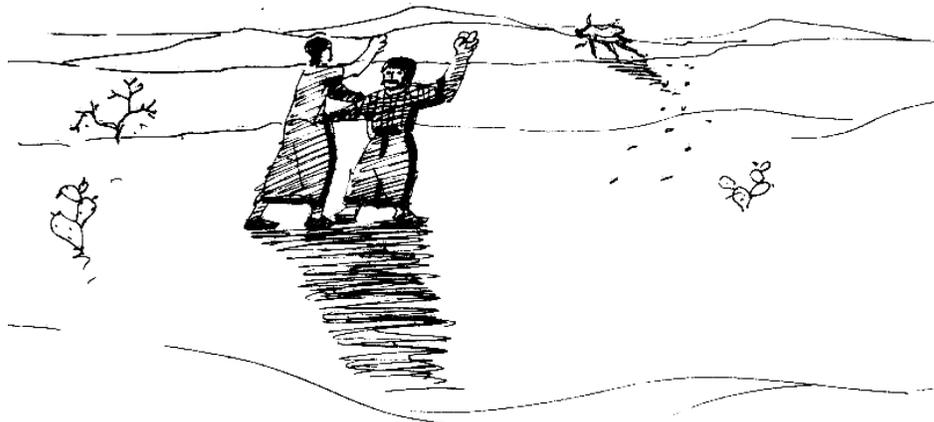
A

- 1 In the 21st century illiteracy
- 2 Free education
- 3 All men and women
- 4 Modern facilities
- 5 Poverty

B

- a) will be alleviated.
- b) will enjoy a healthy, happy and prosperous life.
- c) will be provided for everybody.
- d) will be completely eradicated.
- e) will be provided upto secondary level.

eg 1/d In the 21st century illiteracy will be completely eradicated.



KEY *LESSON : 1***C**

- 1 C 2 B 3 B 4 D 5 A

D

- 1 Aman is called the winter rice.
- 2 Potash, TSP and Urea are used for cultivation of 'Aman'.
- 3 Standing water should be ensured during the growth period of 'Aman'.

E

- 3 Football is played in many countries.
- 4 Butter is made from milk.
- 5 English is spoken all over the world.
- 6 Urea should be used three times.
- 7 The field should be ploughed well before transplantation.
- 8 If these steps are taken, a good harvest can be expected.

KEY *LESSON : 2***C**

- 1 Aesop was born in ancient Greece.
- 2 He was a slave.
- 3 He told stories because his owner liked to hear stories.
- 4 Everybody liked his stories. Even today people like them.

- 5 A man hired a donkey to go to a distant place.
- 6 The donkey's owner went with him to bring back his donkey.
- 7 At mid day they decided to stop and eat lunch.
- 8 The donkey's owner sat in the donkey's shadow.
- 9 The other man pushed him because he wanted to sit there.
- 10 They fought because both of them wanted to sit in the donkey's shadow.
- 11 As a result the donkey was frightened and it ran away.
- 12 The moral of the story is that it is foolish to fight for a small thing.

D

- 3 My glasses were broken last week.
- 4 Many people were injured in the accident.

- 5 The letter was sent to a wrong address.
- 6 Jute was grown in this field last year.
- 7 His bicycle was stolen last month.
- 8 Telephone was invented by Alexander Graham Bell.
- 9 He was bitten by a dog last month.
- 10 He was given injections.

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- 2 Ratan was born in Bagerhat.
- 3 Habib was born in 1935.
- 4 Rehana was born in Khulna in 1960.
- 5 You were born in Pabna in 1968.

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Try yourself and show your answer to your tutor.

LESSON : 3

C

- 3 Free education upto secondary level will be provided.
- 4 All men and women will find suitable employment.
- 5 All women will be educated and made economically independent.
- 6 Modern facilities, such as electricity, telephone, gas, water and sanitation will be provided for everybody.

D

- | | |
|---|---------------------|
| 3 will be removed | 4 is being provided |
| 5 will be provided | 6 has, been made |
| 7 has, been supplied | 8 will be supplied |
| 9 are being taken, (or have been taken) | |
| 10 will, be enjoyed | |

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Try yourself and show your writing to your tutor.

 **LESSON : 4**

C

- | | | | |
|----|---|---|------------------|
| 2 | has been cleaned | | |
| 3 | was bitten; is being given/has been given | | |
| 4 | are sown | 5 | are transplanted |
| 6 | be used | 7 | is harvested |
| 8 | will be removed | 9 | were sold |
| 10 | is played | | |

D1

- 2/c The seedlings are transplanted one month later.
- 3/e Potash and TSP are used at the time of ploughing.
- 4/a Urea should be used three times.
- 5/d Aman rice is harvested in winter.

D2

- 2/a At that time people were sold in market like cattle.
- 3/d Aesop was a slave.
- 4/c He used to tell stories to his master.
- 5/b These stories are known as Aesop's fables.

D3

- 2/e Free education will be provided upto secondary level.
- 3/b All men and women will enjoy a healthy, happy and prosperous life.
- 4/c Modern facilities will be provided for everybody.
- 5/a Poverty will be alleviated.