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### Active and Passive voice

#### Worksheet (6)

##### Active Voice vs. Passive Voice

In active voice sentences, the subject **does** the action (verb) and the object receives the action.

Sentence structure: subject + action (verb) + object.

(subject) + (verb) + (object) + (adverb)  
John painted the house last week

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In passive voice sentences, the subject receives the action (verb).

Sentence structure: subject (active verb object) + (verb to be + past participle) + object doing the action.

(subject active verb object) + (verb) + by + (subject) + (adverb)  
The house was painted by John last week

## **Passive Voice usage:**

The passive voice is used when:

1. We do not know who did the action:

Example: The documents were stolen.

(We don't know who stole the documents.)

2. The receiver of the action is more important

Example: The pyramids were built nearly 5,000 years ago by the ancient Egyptians.

(We want to emphasize "pyramids" more than "ancient Egyptians")

## **Passive Voice formation:**

To change an active voice sentence to a passive voice sentence, ....

1. make the object of the active sentence into the subject of the passive sentence.
2. use the verb "to be" in the same tense as the main verb of the active sentence.
3. use the past participle of the main verb of the active sentence.

## **Here are some examples:**

a) **Active:** Chefs **use** these machines to mix the ingredients.

**Passive:** These machines **are used** by chefs to mix the ingredients.

\*\*\* Now draw the lines in the next example to show the connection.

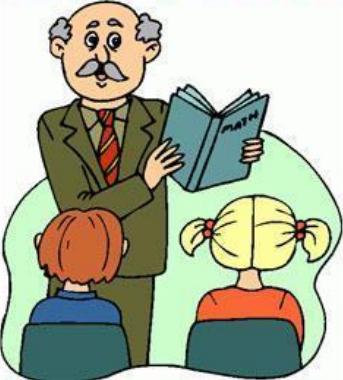
**Active:** The teachers informed the students that the class had been canceled.

**Passive:** The students **were informed** by the teachers that the class had been canceled.

## Passive Voice: Present

In the present, the passive voice uses the verbs **is/are** + past participle of the main verb.

## Active and Passive Voice



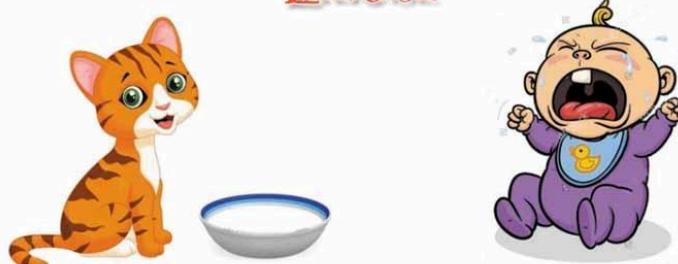
Active Form:  
The professor **teaches** the students.

Passive Form:  
The students **are taught** by the professor.

## Passive Voice: Past

In the past, the passive voice uses the verbs: **was/were** + past participle of the main verb

### ACTIVE AND PASSIVE VOICE EXERCISE



The cat drank the milk.

The milk was drunk.

**Exercise (1):** Choose whether the following sentences are written in active or passive voice.

1- The police showed the victim a picture of the suspect.

2- The bridge was built five years ago by the government.

3- The car was found after three days.

4- The people welcomed the new minister.

5- After the accident John was taken to the hospital.

**Exercise (2):** Change the following sentence from the active voice to the passive voice.

1- The manager locked the door.

The door was locked by the manager.

2- John built this house in 1991.

This house was built in 1991 by John.

3- We all shared the same interest in the game.

The same interest in the game was shared by all

4- Alexander plays golf every Sunday morning.

Golf is played every Sunday morning by Alexander.

5- He lost all of his money during his vacation.

All of his money was lost during his vacation.

6- They serve lunch at midday.

Lunch is served by them at midday.

7- The police told her that her purse was found.

She was told by the police that her purse was found.

8- She cleans this bedroom every day.

The bedroom is cleaned every day by her.

9-Young people didn't read the daily newspapers.

The daily newspapers were not read by young people.

10-They treat and cure people at hospitals.

People are treated and cured at hospitals.



Reminder: The agent (by ...) is optional + the additional information in the sentence could be ordered in different ways.

**The most important part is the tense of the verb.**

### Exercises(3): Present Simple and Past Simple

Select the correct answer.

## Question 1

**Active:** People speak Portuguese in Brazil.

## Passive: Portuguese in Brazil.

## Question 2

**Active:** The staff cleans all the hotel rooms daily.

**Passive:** The hotel rooms are cleaned daily.

A. are clean      B. are cleaned      C. is cleaned

### Question 3

**Active:** We update the company website frequently

**Passive:** The company website \_\_\_\_\_ frequently.

A. are updated      B. is updated      C. was updated

### Question 4

**Active:** People see this beach as the most beautiful in the country.

**Passive:** This beach \_\_\_\_\_ as the most beautiful in the country.

A. is seen      B. is saw      C. is see

### Question 5

**Active:** Somebody ships the products via express mail.

**Passive:** The products \_\_\_\_\_ via express mail.

A. are shipped      B. is shipped      C. were shipped

### Question 6

**Active:** A friend gave me this sweater.

**Passive:** This sweater \_\_\_\_\_ to me by a friend.

A. is given      B. gave      C. was given

### Question 7

**Active:** A famous author wrote these letters.

**Passive:** These letters \_\_\_\_\_ by a famous author.

A. were wrote      B. was written      C. were written

### Question 8

**Active:** The teachers chose her to receive the award.

**Passive:** She \_\_\_\_\_ by the teachers to receive the award.

A. was chosen      B. was chose      C. were chosen

### Question 9

**Active:** A knock at the door woke us all up.

**Passive:** We \_\_\_\_\_ by a knock at the door.

A. was all woke up      B. were all woken up      C. were all waked up

### Question 10

**Active:** Over 300,000 students took the college entrance exam.

**Passive:** The college entrance exam \_\_\_\_\_ by over 300,000 students.

A. was taken      B. was took      C. is taken

