

ACTIVE VOICE VS. PASSIVE VOICE



- In the active voice the focus of attention is on the subject.
- In the passive voice the focus of attention is on the object.

Active:	Peter	builds	a house.
Passive:	A house	is built	by Peter.



Passive Voice

Present Simple

to BE + V3/V+ed am/is/are + past participle

Past Simple

to BE + V3/V+ed

I was asked

He was asked

She was asked

It was asked

You were asked

They were asked

I was broken

He was broken

She was broken

It was broken

You were broken

They were broken

Are the following sentences written in Active or Passive? Write A or P.

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| 1) Tomas likes to play basketball. _____ | 6) We often read e-mails. _____ |
| 2) Football is played in Argentina. _____ | 7) Corollas are produced here. _____ |
| 3) Marti lost his keys yesterday. _____ | 8) Guarani is spoken in Misiones. _____ |
| 4) Many houses were destroyed. _____ | 9) I was sent an e-mail. _____ |
| 5) Ian and Maca listen to music. _____ | 10) The builder was hurt. _____ |

Rewrite the Active sentences into Passive. (Use CAPITAL LETTERS and final stop)

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| 1) Our customers understand Spanish. | _____ |
| 2) My boss bought a new car. | _____ |
| 3) The architect sent the new blueprint. | _____ |
| 4) The mechanic repairs cars. | _____ |
| 5) The electricians test the alarm system. | _____ |
| 6) Levi Strauss invented the blue jeans. | _____ |
| 7) I didn't send the report. | _____ |
| 8) Pemberton invented Coke. | _____ |
| 9) Students use Google a lot. | _____ |
| 10) They speak Mandarin in China. | _____ |

Now rewrite the Passive sentences into Active. (Use CAPITAL LETTERS and final stop)

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| 1) The telephone was invented by Alexander Graham Bell. | _____ |
| 2) This paper was written by a Canadian. | _____ |
| 3) The president was elected by the people. | _____ |
| 4) The products were shipped by the company. | _____ |
| 5) The exercise is completed by each student. | _____ |
| 6) Zoom was founded by Eric Yuan. | _____ |
| 7) A new building was built by Ronna Landau. | _____ |
| 8) The match was cancelled by the referee. | _____ |
| 9) This film was produced by Tarantino. | _____ |
| 10) The Golden Gate Bridge was built by Joseph Strauss. | _____ |