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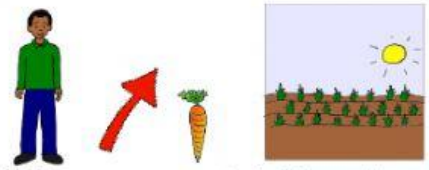
Active or Passive Verbs

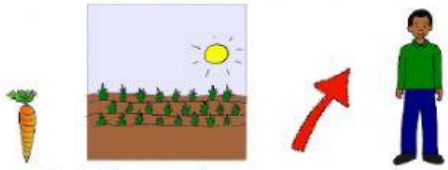
Learning the difference between active and passive voice can be tricky. Both types of sentences use action verbs. The difference is how the action relates to the subject.

In ACTIVE VOICE, the subject performs the action.



*Oliver grew carrots in his garden.

In PASSIVE VOICE, the subject receives the action.



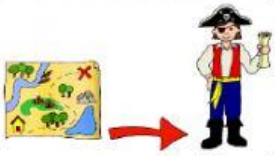
*The carrots in the garden were grown by Oliver.

*The bunny devoured Oliver's carrots.

* Oliver's carrots were devoured by the bunny.

Directions: For each sentence below, check the box to indicate if the verb is ACTIVE or PASSIVE.

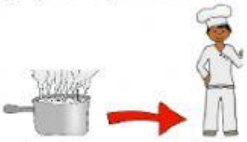
1. ☐ **Active** ☐ **Passive** The pirate held the treasure map.



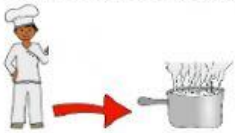
2. ☐ **Active** ☐ **Passive** The treasure map was held by the pirate.

3. ☐ **Active** ☐ **Passive** The bat gulped the moth.

4. ☐ **Active** ☐ **Passive** The moth was gulped by the bat.



5. ☐ **Active** ☐ **Passive** A huge pot of water for spaghetti was boiled by the chef.



6. ☐ **Active** ☐ **Passive** The chef boiled a huge pot of water for spaghetti.