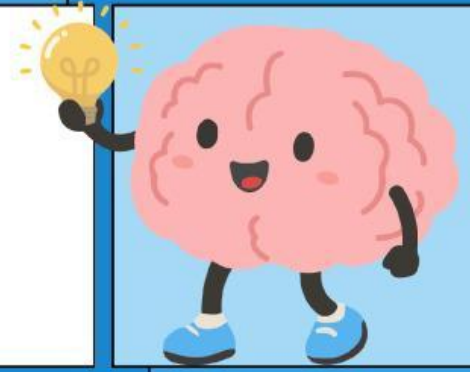


Passive Voice

(B1)



🎯 In this activity, you will learn to identify and transform sentences from active to passive voice. You will practice this key concept to vary the structure of your English texts.



Key Concepts

Understanding the passive voice is essential for adding variety to your writing. It's used when the recipient of the action is more important than the one performing it, allowing you to focus the information on the process rather than the subject.

Concept	Explanation and Example
Active voice	The subject performs the action. Example: 'The chef cooked the meal.'
Passive Voice	The object receives the action. Example: 'The meal was cooked by the chef.'



Read the following text

Read the following article on industrial processes carefully. As you read, pay attention to how the focus of the sentence changes when the passive voice is used.

In the modern world, many products are manufactured in large factories. Engineers design the blueprints, and skilled workers assemble the parts. Sometimes, machines are operated by computer systems to ensure precision. Quality checks are performed at every stage to prevent errors. Finally, the finished goods are packaged and delivered to stores worldwide. Consumers buy these products without thinking about the complex process behind them. However, when we look closely, we see that the entire production chain is carefully controlled by technology and human expertise.



Answer the questions

Use the information from the text to answer the following questions:

1. Why do you think the author uses the passive voice to describe the manufacturing process?

[Write your answer here.]

2. Identify a sentence in passive voice in the text and convert it to active voice.

3. According to the text, what actions are performed by machines and what actions by humans?

4. How does the meaning of the sentence change if we say 'The system controls the production' instead of 'The production is controlled by the system'?

5. Why is quality control important in the process described? Justify your answer.

Answer Key

1. Why do you think the author uses the passive voice to describe the manufacturing process?

The author uses the passive voice to focus on the product and the actions performed, downplaying who performs the action, which is common in technical contexts.

2. Identify a sentence in passive voice in the text and convert it to active voice.

Pasiva: 'Many products are manufactured in large factories.' Activa: 'Factories manufacture many products.'

3. According to the text, what actions are performed by machines and what actions by humans?

The machines are operated by computer systems for precision, while workers assemble the parts and engineers design the blueprints.

4. How does the meaning of the sentence change if we say 'The system controls the production' instead of 'The production is controlled by the system'?

The basic meaning is the same, but the emphasis changes. The active voice highlights the 'system' as the main actor, while the passive voice highlights the 'production'.

5. Why is quality control important in the process described? Justify your answer.

It is important because it ensures that there are no errors before the products reach the end consumer, guaranteeing the efficiency of the process.