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In ACTIVE VOICE, the subject performs the action.

6. ☐ Active ☐ Passive

Active or Passive Verbs

In PASSIVE VOICE, the subject receives the action.

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.

Oliver grew carrots in his garden. *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.

The chef boiled a huge pot of water for spaghetti.