

REMEMBERING ACTIVE AND PASSIVE VOICE



An **active** sentence like “**THE STUDENTS STUDY ENGLISH EVERY DAY**” has the subject first (the person or thing that does the action) followed by the verb (action), and finally the object (the person or thing that receives the action).

The students study English every day.

Subject Action Receiver
Doer of the action of action

But we don't always need to make sentences this way. We might want to give importance to the RECEIVER OF THE ACTION, or we don't know who or what did the action. In this case, we can use **passive voice**.

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Receiver Action in Doer of the action
of action passive voice

1. Tell whether the sentences are in active or passive voice.

1. The dog was walked every day. _____
2. We buy a lot of fruit and vegetables to keep a healthy diet. _____
3. Our parents were invited to a party last Friday. _____
4. Someone ate my dessert! _____
5. Face masks are supposed to be used every time you are with someone. _____

2. Some of these sentences are in active and some in passive voice. Complete them with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

1. How many newspapers _____ (print) in Britain every day?
2. German _____ (speak) in Germany, Austria, and part of Switzerland.
3. We _____ (decide) to stay home because it was cold and windy.
4. Some people _____ (not respect) the curfew.
5. Nowadays, a lot of computers _____ (make) in Korea.
6. The Harry Potter films _____ (not direct) by Steven Spielberg.
7. Students _____ (clean) their desks before starting classes.
8. How much paper _____ (recycle) in Poland each year?