

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

I was broken

He was asked

He was broken

She was asked

She was broken

It was asked

It was broken

You were asked

You were broken

They **were** asked

They were broken

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

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)

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)

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.	_____