

Grammar Quest: Active & Passive Voice

Welcome, Grammar Explorer! Today, you are going on a quest to master the two ways we tell stories in English: **Active Voice** and **Passive Voice**. By the end of this journey, you will know exactly how to change sentences around like a wizard!

Lesson & Explanations

Before we start our exercises, let's learn the secret formulas.

What is Active Voice?

In the **Active Voice**, the person or thing doing the action comes **first**. They are actively doing the work!

- **The Formula:** [Who did it] $\rightarrow$ [Action Verb] $\rightarrow$ [What received the action]
- **Example:** The superhero saved the city.
(The superhero is active! They are doing the saving.)

What is Passive Voice?

In the **Passive Voice**, we flip the sentence around. The thing that received the action comes **first**, and the person who actually did it is placed at the end after the magic word "**by**".

- **The Formula:** [What received the action] $\rightarrow$ [Form of "to be" + Action Verb] $\rightarrow$ by $\rightarrow$ [Who did it]
- **Example:** The city was saved by the superhero.
(The city is just sitting there being passive while the superhero does the work!)

More Examples to Look At:

- **Active:** Leo ate the giant pizza slice.
- **Passive:** The giant pizza slice **was eaten by** Leo.
- **Active:** The sneaky cat caught the mouse.
- **Passive:** The mouse **was caught by** the sneaky cat.

Activity 1: The Verb Level-Up (V1 to V2 to V3)

To play the Passive Voice game, your verbs need to **level up**! In Passive Voice, we *always* use the **V3 form** (also called the Past Participle) paired with helper verbs like *is, am, are, was, or were*.

Let's look at how everyday verbs change:

1. **V1 (Present / Base Form):** The action happening right now (e.g., *eat, write*).
2. **V2 (Simple Past):** Used for standard Active Voice past sentences (e.g., *ate, wrote*).
3. **V3 (Past Participle):** The ultimate form needed for **Passive Voice** (e.g., *eaten, written*).

Exercise 1: The Level-Up Chart (Difficulty: Easy)

Help the verbs reach their maximum V3 power level! Fill in the missing boxes.

V1 (Present)	V2 (Simple Past)	V3 (Passive Champion Form)
1. kick	kicked	_____
2. choose	_____	chosen
3. _____	threw	thrown
4. bake	baked	_____
5. hide	hid	_____
6. find	_____	found

Exercise 2: Detective Mode (Difficulty: Medium)

Look closely at each sentence. Is the subject at the beginning doing the action (**Active**), or is the object at the beginning receiving the action (**Passive**)? Write **Active** or **Passive** next to each one.

1. The ancient treasure map was found by Maya. $\rightarrow$ _____
 2. The chef cooked a delicious pasta dinner. $\rightarrow$ _____
 3. The principal presented the gold medal to Toby. $\rightarrow$ _____
 4. The messy room was cleaned by the twins. $\rightarrow$ _____
 5. A giant tree was blown down by the wind storm. $\rightarrow$ _____
 6. Thousands of fans watched the exciting football match. $\rightarrow$ _____
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Exercise 3: The Great Sentence Flip (Difficulty: Hard)

Now it's time to transform Active sentences into Passive sentences. Remember the secret formula: Bring the object to the front, add **was** or **were**, level up the verb to **V3**, and add **by**!

- **Example:** *The dog chased the squirrel.* → *The squirrel **was chased by** the dog.*

1. The teacher praised the smart student. Answer: _____

2. Mechanics fixed our broken car

.Answer: _____

3. The gardener watered the beautiful red roses.

Answer: _____

4. The children built a massive sandcastle on the beach.

Answer: _____

5. J.K. Rowling wrote the Harry Potter books.

Answer: _____



Exercise 4: Ultimate Master Class (Difficulty: ● Expert)

*You've reached the final boss level! This time, the sentences are mixed. You must flip **Passive to Active** OR **Active to Passive** depending on how they start. Be careful with your verb tenses!*

1. **Passive:** The window was broken by the baseball.
Change to Active: $\rightarrow$

 2. **Active:** The fireflies lit up the dark backyard.
Change to Passive: $\rightarrow$

 3. **Passive:** The delicious chocolate cake was eaten by the birthday boy.
Change to Active: $\rightarrow$

 4. **Active:** The police officer arrested the clumsy thief.
Change to Passive: $\rightarrow$

 5. **Passive:** A beautiful song was sung by the school choir.
Change to Active: $\rightarrow$

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Quest Complete! You've finished your training.