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Today

Tell active from passive, and switch between them.

Start Mission 1 · Which voice?

Tick active or passive.

1. The cat chased the mouse. Active Passive

2. The mouse was chased by the cat. Active Passive

3. Maya wrote a poem. Active Passive

4. The poem was written by Maya. Active Passive

5. The window broke. Active Passive

6. The cakes were eaten. Active Passive

Build Mission 2 · Switch it

Rewrite active sentences as passive, then passive sentences as active.

1. The dog buried the bone.

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2. Sam kicked the ball.

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3. The chef cooked the soup.

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4. People built the bridge.

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5. The letter was posted by Amir.

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6. The song was sung by the choir.

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7. The gate was mended by Dad.

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8. The story was told by Gran.

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Think **Mission 3 · Choose the voice**

Choose the sentence that fits the writing, and say why in a few words.

1. A science note: “I heated the water.” or “The water was heated.” Which fits, and why?

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2. A story: “The dragon was defeated by Asha.” or “Asha defeated the dragon.” Which fits, and why?

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3. A news line about a trophy: “The team lifted the trophy.” or “The trophy was lifted.” Which fits, and why?

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4. Rewrite “The storm damaged the roof.” as a passive sentence.

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Challenge **Mission 4 · Match report**

Write one active sentence about a football match, then write it as a passive sentence.

1. Active

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2. Passive

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☆ ☆ ☆ **Mission complete**

☐ I can tell active from passive and rewrite one as the other.

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Answers for parents

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Learning objectives

- Tell an active sentence from a passive sentence
- Rewrite an active sentence as a passive sentence
- Rewrite a passive sentence as an active sentence

Mission 1 · Start

1. The cat chased the mouse. — active
2. The mouse was chased by the cat. — passive
3. Maya wrote a poem. — active
4. The poem was written by Maya. — passive
5. The window broke. — active
6. The cakes were eaten. — passive

Mission 2 · Build

1. The bone was buried by the dog.
2. The ball was kicked by Sam.
3. The soup was cooked by the chef.
4. The bridge was built by people.

Mission 2 · Build, continued

5. Amir posted the letter.
6. The choir sang the song.
7. Dad mended the gate.
8. Gran told the story.

Mission 3 · Think

1. The water was heated. A report can keep the focus on what happened.
2. Asha defeated the dragon. Active voice is more direct in a story.
3. Either can be correct. The team lifted the trophy names who did it.
4. The roof was damaged by the storm.

Mission 4 · Challenge

1. Any active sentence, such as: The captain scored the goal.
2. The matching passive sentence, such as: The goal was scored by the captain.

Teaching tip

In the active sentence, the doer comes first. In the passive sentence, the receiver comes first, often with was or were.

Ask your child

Who is the focus in “The roof was damaged by the storm”?