

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2021

L.C. Can you recognise active and passive voices?

# Starter

Correct the highlighted verb form in each sentence so that it makes sense - the tense is shown for the first couple of examples, but you will need to identify this for the remaining few.

1. I **finish** my homework last night. (past)
2. The trees **were** blowing in the wind tomorrow. (future)
3. There **is** lots of snowfall next week, according to the forecast. (future)
4. When I was younger, I **will eat** chocolate for breakfast on Christmas Day! (past)
5. She **can be** colouring in her picture at the next table. (present)
6. My dog **chewing** her toy that she was given by my Mum.
7. Our school heating **is** broken yesterday.
8. Hopefully lockdown **was** end in February!

A sentence is written in **passive voice** when the subject of the sentence has something done to it by **someone or something**.

For example:

**The cat was chasing  
the mouse.**



**The mouse was being  
chased by the cat.**

**Active voice: The cat was chasing the mouse.**

In this sentence, 'the cat' is the subject, 'was chasing' is the **verb** and 'the mouse' is the **object**.

**Passive voice: The mouse was being chased by the cat.**

In this sentence 'the mouse' has become the subject which is having something done to it by the cat.

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Let's read through these sentences...can we figure out if they are written in an active or passive voice?

Remember, 'by' often indicates passive but we cannot just rely on this!

1. Mark was eating an apple.
2. The picture was painted by Bob.
3. Tina opened the present.
4. The phone was being used by Mr Thomas.
5. The card was made by Fred.
6. James hit the tree with his stick.
7. The man jumped off the step.
8. Daniel was watching the birds.

**Now try Task 1 of the question sheets.**

**If you get stuck, let me know by using the raise hand option at the bottom of your screen.**

If we can identify active and passive now, can we use our knowledge to rewrite a sentence in a different voice?

Let's look at active to passive first...

These are all written in **active** voice. **Change** each sentence into **passive** voice.

1. The actors had performed the play by Shakespeare.
2. A stone smashed the window.
3. The boys pushed the tree over.
4. James climbed the ladder.
5. Sam baked a big cake.

Now let's try it the other way, passive to active...

These are all written in **passive** voice. Change each sentence into **active** voice.

1. The football was kicked by Luke.
2. The knife was left on the table by Julie.
3. The milk had been knocked over by a cat.
4. The car had been driven into a wall by a naughty child.
5. The windows had been washed. *\*\*\*Think carefully about this one\*\*\**

**Now try Task 2 of the question sheets.**

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