

## Identifying Active & Passive Voice 1

### Active Voice

The subject of the sentence does the action

Tim hit the ball on the roof.

subject

### Passive Voice

The subject of the sentence receives the action.

The ball was hit on the roof by Tim.

subject

Circle to show whether each sentence is written in active or passive voice.

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|-------------------------------------------------------|--------|---------|
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| 2. A piece of paper was tossed on the ground.         | active | passive |
| 3. Nurses help many patients every day.               | active | passive |
| 4. Max's head was bumped by the cupboard door.        | active | passive |
| 5. Someone had sat on the wet paint.                  | active | passive |
| 6. The floor has been swept twice today.              | active | passive |
| 7. Paula and Rick flew a kite at the park.            | active | passive |
| 8. Our city streets are kept clean.                   | active | passive |
| 9. The criminal was spotted by police.                | active | passive |
| 10. Harper picked up a shiny gold coin on the ground. | active | passive |
| 11. A pod of whales swam close to the shore.          | active | passive |
| 12. William saw his friend at the beach.              | active | passive |
| 13. The audience was surprised.                       | active | passive |
| 14. Helicopters flew overhead, keeping swimmers safe. | active | passive |

Choose one of the sentences written in active voice and change it to passive voice.

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Choose one of the sentences written in passive voice and change it to active voice.

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