

Writing in the Active Voice

Past Simple

Active Voice	Passive Voice
The subject of the sentence does the action	The subject of the sentence receives the action.
<u>Tim</u> hit the ball on the roof.	<u>The ball</u> was hit on the roof by Tim.
subject	subject

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The cat destroyed my new shoes.

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2. Many fish were caught by the dolphins.

3. Two cakes were thrown by the clown.

4. The aeroplane was stepped off by the President.

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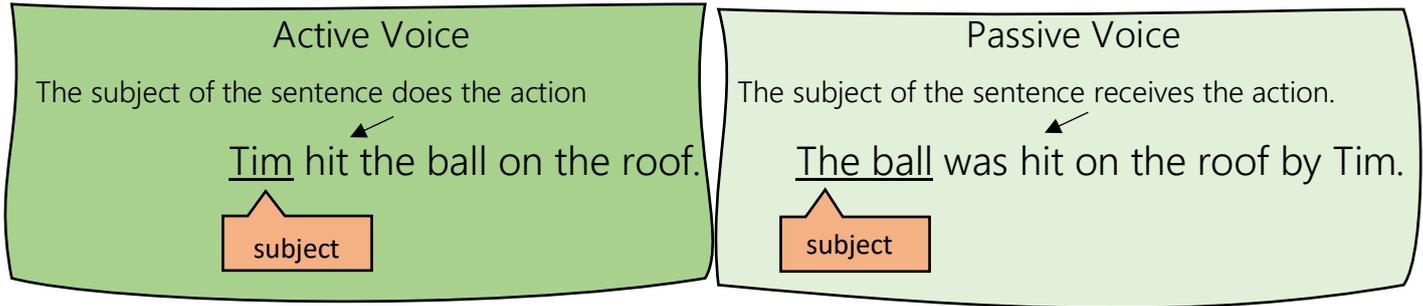
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The clown threw two cakes.

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The President stepped off the aeroplane.

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Nate wrote scary stories.

6. The children were taught by James.

James taught the children.

7. Fiona was given a towel by a friend.

A friend gave Fiona a towel.

8. The pen was picked up by David.

David picked up the pen.

9. Water was sprayed on the kids by dad.

Dad sprayed water on the kids.

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Julie and Leigh jumped on the trampoline.