

Writing in the Passive Voice

Past Simple

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

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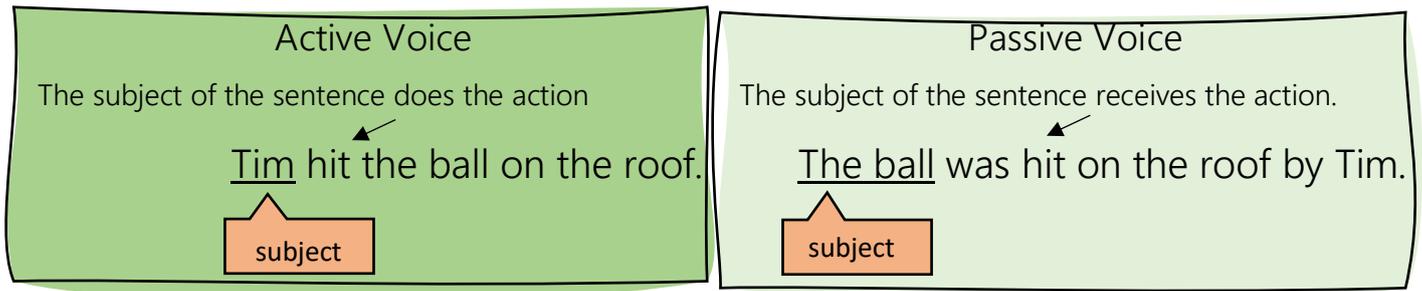
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