

# Identifying Active & Passive Voice

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

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| 2. A leaf tumbled to the ground.                               | active | passive |
| 3. Three cats chased a poor dog.                               | active | passive |
| 4. Lindsey fixed the television for her dad.                   | active | passive |
| 5. The fisherman was startled by a long noise.                 | active | passive |
| 6. Harriet was moved up to the next grade.                     | active | passive |
| 7. A cake landed on the clown's face.                          | active | passive |
| 8. Brad wanted to see his favourite football team.             | active | passive |
| 9. The class were congratulated by the teacher for great work. | active | passive |
| 10. The lion chased its prey.                                  | active | passive |
| 11. The password was changed on Jake's computer.               | active | passive |
| 12. Molly was awarded a certificate at the school assembly.    | active | passive |
| 13. The wind played with the kite.                             | active | passive |
| 14. Evie ran away from the dog.                                | active | passive |

Choose a sentence written in **active voice** and change it to **passive voice**.

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Choose a sentence written in **passive voice** and change it to **active voice**.

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Choose a sentence written in **active voice** and change it to **passive voice**.

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Choose a sentence written in **passive voice** and change it to **active voice**.

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