

Active and Passive Voice

- In active voice sentences the subject **does** the action.

Example: Liz played the piano.

- In passive voice sentences the subject **receives** the action.

Example: The piano was played by Liz.

Directions: Decide whether the following sentences are written in the active or passive voice. Then write the doer of the action on the line to the right. If the doer is unknown, write a question mark (?).

- 1) Thomas feeds his dog. active / passive _____
- 2) The dog is fed by Thomas. active / passive _____
- 3) The family went to the beach. active / passive _____
- 4) The letter was written by Marshall. active / passive _____
- 5) The game had been won by the blue team. active / passive _____
- 6) The problem was solved. active / passive _____
- 7) The stunt man risked his life. active / passive _____
- 8) The fire was extinguished. active / passive _____
- 9) The car was being cleaned by its owner. active / passive _____
- 10) It gets cold here during the winter. active / passive _____

Directions: Rewrite the *passive* voice sentences as *active* voice sentences.

Passive: The dog was hit by the car.

Active:

Passive: The house will be built by the construction crew in five months.

Active:

Directions: Rewrite the *active* voice sentences as *passive* voice sentences.

Active: Julie answered the question.

Passive:

Active: The dolphins have learned many tricks.

Passive:

Directions: Write one sentence using the active voice, and one using the passive voice.

Active:

Passive:
