

Worksheet One

This worksheet accompanies *The Active and Passive Voice*.

Active or passive?

Read each sentence below and decide whether it is written in the active or the passive voice. Cross out the incorrect answer.

1. The teacher yelled at James for swearing in class. **active/passive**
2. The milk was only bought this morning. **active /passive**
3. Dad set the table for dinner. **active /passive**
4. The car was pulled into the driveway. **active /passive**
5. I cleaned out the rabbit cage yesterday. **active /passive**
6. James was yelled at by the teacher for swearing. **active /passive**
7. The table was set for dinner by Dad. **active /passive**
8. I only bought the milk this morning. **active /passive**
9. The rabbit cage was cleaned out yesterday by me. **active /passive**
10. Mom pulled the car into the driveway. **active /passive**



Worksheet Two

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Knowing when to use each voice

Complete the table by deciding which of the written tasks below would be most suited to being written in the active or the passive voice.

Active	Passive

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| a science report | a personal diary | a news bulletin |
| a letter to a friend | | a police report |
| a running commentary on a football match | | |



Worksheet Three

This worksheet accompanies *The Active and Passive Voice*.

Changing the voice activity

To write up a science experiment, it is best to use the passive voice, but this experiment has been written in the active voice. Rewrite this report using the passive voice.

Purifying rock salts

I ground the rock salt.

I mixed it with water.

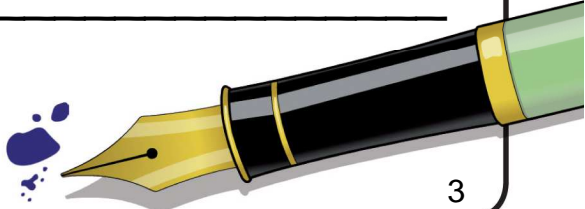
Then I stirred it.

I took a filter, folded it and put it in the funnel.

Next I filtered the solution.

Then I heated it.

Finally, I left it to evaporate.



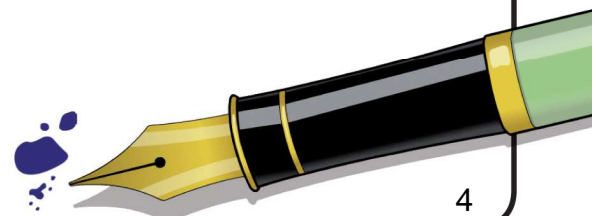
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Test your knowledge!

Read the questions below and highlight the correct answer.

1. What is the usual grammatical order of a sentence written in the active voice?
A) object, verb, subject
B) subject, verb, object
C) verb, object, subject
2. In the passive voice, the object is where in relation to the subject and verb?
A) in between
B) before
C) after
3. What can a sentence in the passive voice sometimes be missing?
A) the verb
B) the subject
C) the object
4. What is the object in this passive voice sentence: 'The lawn was mown by dad'?
A) dad
B) mown
C) the lawn
5. What is the subject in this passive voice sentence: 'The glass was smashed by Hamid'?
A) Hamid
B) glass
C) smashed



6. The passive voice is often used in...

- A) informal conversation
- B) sports commentary
- C) news reports

7. Using the passive voice can make your writing sound more...

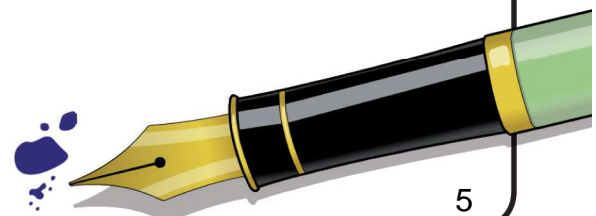
- A) informal
- B) impersonal
- C) direct

8. What school subject usually uses the passive voice?

- A) Science
- B) Math
- C) History

9. In a sentence in the passive voice, the subject is...

- A) more important than the object
- B) as important as the object
- C) less important than the object



Extension Worksheet One

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Report writing

Rewrite this report of a medical cure in the passive voice.

A new cure for arthritis

Dr. John Jones has found a cure for arthritis.

He discovered it by grinding up a unique flower, found only in India, and blending it with cod liver oil.

Dr. John Jones tested his remedy on hundreds of patients.

His patients all found that they were cured three months later.

He is now selling his cure for arthritis in drugstores and on the Internet.

