



ACTIVE AND PASSIVE VOICE

Active Voice tells a reader **what a person or thing is doing**.

- The subject performs the action.
- Has a clear **subject** + **verb** + **object** structure.

Example: The **company** **built** the **building**.

Active voice conveys a strong, clear tone which can be preferred by professors. **Active** voice is used to take action in a sentence.

Passive Voice tells a reader **what is done to someone** or something.

- The object is acted upon by the verb.
- **Object** + **verb** + **preposition** + **subject** structure.

Example: The **building** **was built** by the **company**.

Passive voice is subtler than active voice. **Passive** voice is helpful when focusing on the object in the sentence rather than the subject.

Practice:

1. My mom read the novel in one day.	Active	Passive
2. I will clean the house every Sunday.	Active	Passive
3. A safety video will be watched by the staff every year.	Active	Passive
4. Larry is donating money to the food bank.	Active	Passive
5. Baby kangaroos are carried in their mother's pouch.	Active	Passive
6. The presentation was created by my friend.	Active	Passive
7. We used to be driven to school when we were younger.	Active	Passive
8. We are going to go shopping downtown.	Active	Passive