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Active and Passive Voice

Worksheet A Name:

In the **active voice**, the subject performs the action expressed by the verb.
Example: The dog (subject) barked (verb) the ball.
 The subject of the sentence is "dog," and because he is the one who threw the ball, this is a sentence in the active voice.

In the **passive voice**, the action is performed upon, instead of by, the subject.
Example: The ball was thrown (verb) by the dog.
 In this sentence, the subject is "ball," but the ball is not what does the throwing. Instead the ball is the thing that is thrown. The subject is not doing an action, but receiving the action, so this sentence is in the passive voice.

- Directions Do the first, write the letter A if the underlined verb or verb phrase is in the active voice, and P if it is in the passive voice.
1. Black holes can be caused by the collapse of a massive star.
 2. A star many times bigger than the sun can be compressed into a sphere the size of a large city.
 3. Princeton physicist John Wheeler coined the term "black hole" in 1967.
 4. The powerful gravitational pull of a black hole captures even light from escaping.
 5. The black appearance of black holes is caused by the absorption of all light.
 6. Black holes often lie at the center of most galaxies.
 7. Supermassive black holes can contain a mass equal to billions of suns.
 8. The center of a black hole is called a singularity.
 9. Matter is pulled infinitely dense at the singularity.
 10. Black holes have a point of no-return boundary called the "event horizon."
 11. No object can escape once it reaches the event horizon.
 12. Fascinating things happen when an object crosses the point of no return.
 13. An outside observer will think the object is traveling infinitely slow because of an effect called gravitational time dilation.
 14. The observer will never actually see the object disappear into the black hole.
 15. Gravitational redshift will cause the object to appear redder and dimmer.
 16. The object will be torn apart by tidal forces.
 17. These tidal forces cause a process called "spaghettification" or "the noodle effect."
 18. If, for example, a car falls into a black hole head bumper first, the tidal forces would make the front bumper break so much faster than the back bumper that the car would stretch out to the breaking point.
 19. This force would stretch the car until it is reduced to a string of atoms, like a long spaghetti noodle.
 20. This "noodle" of atoms will eventually be pulled into the singularity.
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Baol 3 : THEA THUI HOANG (THE PASSIVE VOICE)

* Thea thu Hoang (active voice) lae cauch haet cau mau chu toa hoang vai troa chu hoang.

- Mr. Brown wrote the report yesterday.
- He has already finished his homework.

* Thea thu Hoang (passive voice) lae cauch haet cau mau chu toa hoang vai troa bo hoang.

- That house was built 100 years ago.
- Those windows are painted blue.

Passive sentence : S + be + past participle

1/ Haoy quan saut vi du sau :

* Active : Tom broke the chair yesterday. SVO

* Passive : The chair was broken by Tom yesterday. Sbe + PPby doer

2/ Ghi nhuu: Cauch hoai moit cau toa active sang passive :

- * Laay tuoc toa (O) trong cau chu hoang xuong lam chu toa (S) trong cau thu hoang.
- * Nhan xeu xem hoang toa chia trong cau chu hoang ou thi nao, ta chia TO BE ou thi hu roai viet hoang toa chinh ou daing quou khuu phan toa (p.p).
- * Laay chu toa (S) trong cau chu hoang xuong lam doer trong cau thu hoang, nhuu viet BY ngay hang trooc.
- * Traing toa gioo ngayen khoang hoai vao thongng haet cuoi cau (neu lae traing toa cha thoi gian).

Passive Voice Exercises: All Tenses Try the exercises below to test your knowledge of the passive and active voices. The painting was done by Picasso. Dinner is being prepared by Rita. The vase was broken by Tom. The car was washed by David before his date. Next year, engineering will be studied by the students. The sink should be fixed by the plumber tomorrow. Five tickets were reserved by the family. The rooms had been thoroughly cleaned by Mara. Five million dollars were donated by Leonardo DiCaprio. This dress was given to me by my grandmother. The election was won by Donald Trump. It's easy to tell when Julia is annoyed by Mark. My homework was eaten by my dog. The table was reserved by Valerio. The rock that broke the window had been thrown by Steven. Below are the instructions. 1. Mime Warm the class to this activity by miming and eliciting from them the instructions for making toast. 2. Group Work/writing Next, give out the handout and tell the students to rewrite the instructions in the passive tense. 3. Speaking Finally, with the students in groups of three, one looks at the instructions and mimes while the other two reproduce the instructions as they are acted out. Passive toast handout (PDF) 10 Adjectives Exercises Including Adjectives for People and Things 3 Parts of Speech Exercises 6 Picture-Based Present Continuous Worksheets (PDF) 8 Preposition Exercises for Location, Time and Movement (PDF) 6 Present Perfect Language and Speaking Worksheets 7 Incredibly Useful Past Tense Simple Teaching Activities (PDF) 8 Preposition Exercises for Location, Time and Movement (PDF) 8 Great Exercises for the Conditionals (PDF) This page contains active/passive voice worksheets as well as a worksheet on inverted sentences. This is the structure for the passive voice: John was invited (by me), [subject] + [BE + Past Participle] (by actor) The (by actor) part of the sentence is optional. Reminder #1 An active sentence that does not have an object cannot be made into the passive voice. Active voice: She cried. Only transitive verbs (enjoy, kill, catch, show) can be used in the passive voice. Did you find this post helpful? Students complete the sentences using their own ideas generated by the pictures. You can find the answers by downloading the PDF below. She has a degree in International Affairs with a minor in Italian Studies, but her true passion has always been writing. If the subject is the object of the verb, then it's a passive sentence. Let's try some exercises. Intermediate Exercise #1 — Distinguishing between Active or Passive Voice I have never been to Wichita. Active Voice Passive Voice I have never been arrested. Active Voice Passive Voice The tower was built in 1802 by a French Artist. Active Voice Passive Voice Nothing happened. Active Voice Passive Voice No one was injured by the fire. Active Voice Passive Voice The award was given to the top student. Active Voice Passive Voice We decided not to hire anyone. Active Voice Passive Voice The pizza was delicious. Active Voice Passive Voice The pizza was ordered. Active Voice Passive Voice The pizza made me sick. Active Voice Passive Voice I was made sick by the pizza. Active Voice Passive Voice Intermediate Exercise #2 — Change Active sentences to Passive (Present Simple and Past Simple) Intermediate Exercise #3 — Add the Appropriate Verb in the Past Simple Look at the subject and verb to determine if it is an active or passive sentence. The verbs below the pictures are the "Useful vocabulary" at the bottom of the page may assist them. Click on the image below or the link to download the PDF file. Passive voice worksheet (PDF) Comparative adjective exercises Teaching Gerunds and Infinitives Indirect and Reported Speech Passive voice home 8 comparison/contrast templates and exercises 10 cause/effect writing activities 11 essential basic exercises for paragraph/essay writing 3 kinds of exercises for teaching transitions 5 Passive voice sentences for environmental issues (with answers) The exercise below is for exploring the language of environmental issues in the classroom by writing passive voice sentences. It is a good way to gauge the level of knowledge about environmental issues. Passive and Active Voice Worksheets Learning to substitute the passive voice with the active voice can turn good writing into great writing—but first you'll need to understand each voice. (The verb has no object, so you cannot make a passive sentence) Active voice: An accident happened. Binding, bookmaking, and or collation of our worksheets, reproduction and or duplication of our worksheets on other websites, and or use of our worksheets for commercial gain is strictly prohibited. (Hint: They are called transitive because you can transfer an object to them.) A ghost appeared. Leave a comment below. — Created by Matthew Barton of Englishcurrent.com (copyright) Related Pages English Current recommends Grammarly as a learning tool to reduce English mistakes. If you are teaching the passive voice, the exercise below should work nicely. Just remember that this is copyrighted work to be used only by teachers in school or at home. Download and print our Active to Passive Voice Worksheet. Ultimately, you should also prioritize clarity and efficiency when deciding between the active or passive voice. To better understand the difference between the passive and active voices, try some of the exercises below. It's also a great way to begin a discussion about passive voice. Passive voice icebreaker (PDF) 4 Passive voice worksheet (with answers) This is a passive voice sentence writing exercise for English language learners. Clark John deceived me Quentin Tarantino directed Pulp Fiction Her parents sold the house last year Will they release my new book next month They closed the factory five years ago Sam invited Kelly to the party. While students work independently the teacher can walk around and choose some of the best sentences and write them on the the on the board. Writing passive voice sentences for the environment (PDF) 6 Processing cotton writing exercise This exercise helps students understand how to write sentences in the active or passive voice when describing a process. Processing cotton (PDF) 7 Passive toast classroom activity This is a classroom miming activity for the passive voice. Use the Past Simple tense for this exercise. Let's try some more advanced structures. Advanced Exercise #1 — Distinguishing between Active or Passive Voice Mark if the sentence is in the active or passive voice. We hope you found everything you needed on our website. Find a mistake? When the passive voice is used in a sentence, the subject is acted upon by the verb, whereas with the active voice, the subject performs the action indicated by the verb. My grandfather built this house in 1917. By this time tomorrow, we will have closed the contract. Shakespeare wrote Romeo and Juliet. Michael hired Karen last year. Someone should finish the project. We had lost all hope. People in Italy speak Italian. The tortoise ate all of lettuce. All of the students love Mrs. Have a question? It's a great way to assess students' knowledge of the passive voice at the beginning of a class. Then, they listen again complete the sentences. Passive voice listening/speaking exercise (PDF) Passive voice conversations Youtube video Passive voice listening Subscribe to get full access to the latest and best resources from eslflow.com. (The intransitive verb 'appear' has no object.) Guideline 1: If the sentence does not contain BE + Past Participle, then it cannot be a passive sentence. John was eating a snack. English Level: Intermediate, Advanced Language Focus: A review of the passive voice in contrast to the active voice Grammar Worksheet: active-passive-voice-worksheet.docx (scroll down to study the exercises online) Jump to: Intermediate Exercises, Advanced Exercises Note: For a detailed explanation of why we use the passive voice, please read this lesson. Only sentences that have the object of a verb can be changed to the passive voice. Active voice: I invited John. [subject] + [verb] + [object] Passive voice: John was invited by me. In a passive sentence, the object of the verb (in the active sentence) becomes the subject. Review: What is the Passive Voice? These worksheets teach students how to differentiate between active and passive voices, and provide practice manipulating sentences as to make them active or passive. (Not passive — no BE + Past Participle) Guideline 2: Look at the subject of the sentence and then the verb. While the passive voice is acceptable (and sometimes more realistic) in creative writing and dialogue, it is true that it tends to make writing weaker. This also teaches students to recognize the voice used in a given sentence, and to see the impact syntax can have on overall meaning. Although it's considered a grammatical error in many cases, the passive voice does have a place, especially in more creative writing. Be careful with intransitive verbs (verbs that do not have an object — they cannot be used in the passive voice.) I hope these passive voice exercises have been useful. Then, rewriting sentences from active to passive and vice versa. In business the passive voice is often used to describe processes. Exercises using pictures encourage students to use critical thinking skills and help illustrate the passive voice in a memorable way. 1 Passive voice listening/speaking exercise (with audio and answers) This is a passive voice listening/speaking exercise for English language learners. (Remember to look for the BE + Past Participle structure.) The company was shut down by the police. Active Voice Passive Voice We had been given the wrong tickets. Active Voice Passive Voice She wishes she had been there. Active Voice Passive Voice He might not have been paying attention. Active Voice Passive Voice He should not have been asked to pay. Active Voice Passive Voice Chemicals can be toxic. Active Voice Passive Voice New regulations will be introduced next spring. Active Voice Passive Voice Advanced Exercise #2 — Change Active sentences to Passive (Present Simple and Past Simple) Advanced Exercise #3 — All Verb Tenses Look at the subject and verb to determine if it is an active or passive sentence. Download and print our Passive to Active Voice worksheet. If you found this page helpful, consider a donation to our hosting bill to show your support! Index of contents Video: passive voice The passive voice is useful in academic writing because it allows the writer or speaker to emphasize a subject by rearranging a sentence. (Again, no object, so you cannot form a passive sentence) Intransitive verbs, verbs that never have an object, like be, die, happen, exist, appear can never be made into the passive voice. The active/passive voice worksheet involves labeling sentences as active or passive and identifying the doer of the action. Working remotely allows her to do even more of the things she loves, like traveling, cooking, and spending time with her family. If the subject is the actor, then it's an active sentence. And, if you subscribe, you will be supporting the eslflow website. 2 Writing (and listening) to passive voice sentences (with answers) This is a passive voice listening and writing exercise. Writing passive voice sentences (PDF) Writing passive voice icebreaker/brainstorming Sometimes really simple icebreakers work best. The ability to use the active and passive voice in sentence construction is extremely useful and will improve both reading comprehension and writing skills. Then add the appropriate verb. First, students listen to the audio and match the items to the pictures. Get to know the difference between the passive and active voices by using the worksheets above. Then ask yourself if the subject is the actor of the verb (did John eat?) or was the subject the object of the verb (Did someone eat John?). The printable worksheet includes a space for students to write one of their own active and passive sentences. Active to Passive Voice Rewrite the following sentences using the passive voice. Let us know in the comments below! If you enjoyed this post, then you might also like: As a blog writer for TCK Publishing, Kaelyn loves crafting fun and helpful content for writers, readers, and creative minds alike. Many teachers, editors, and grammar aficionados will insist that the passive voice should be avoided whenever possible in writing. There are no ads in the newsletter and you will receive entertaining, high quality, and up-to-date teaching resources regularly. Students have to complete the sentences ...ie. Passive to Active Voice See if you can rewrite the following passive sentences in the active voice. The passive voice places greater importance on the person or thing that is experiencing an action, rather than the person or thing that is performing the action. "Apples are grown in New Zealand." And they can suggest sentences to fill in the chart.

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