# **The Passive**

## **Exercise 1:**

Are the following sentences in the active or the passive voice? Write "Passive" next to the passive sentences and "Active" next to the active sentences.

1: The song was sung by the choir.

2: The children are playing in the park.

3: The essay was written by the student.

4: The chef cooks dinner every night.

5: The movie was directed by a famous filmmaker.

6: The invitations were sent out by Jim.

7: The cake was eaten by the children.

8: The engineer will design the new building.

## **Exercise 2:**

Rewrite the following active sentences in the passive voice.

1: The architect designs the new museum.

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2: The students completed the project.

\_...\_

3: The scientists have discovered a new species.

\_...\_

4: The committee will announce the results tomorrow.

\_...\_

5: The dog chased something around the garden.

\_...\_

## **Exercise 3:**

Rewrite the following passive sentences in the active voice.

1: The cake was baked by Sarah.

\_...\_

2: The letter is being written by John.

\_...\_

3: The book is published by a famous author.

\_...\_

4: The streets were cleaned by the city workers.

\_...\_

5: The problem has been solved by the engineer.

\_...\_

## **Exercise 4:**

Complete the sentences in the passive voice. Put the verb form in the tense that is listed at the beginning.

1: Present Continuous:

The new bridge \_...\_ (build) by the construction company.

2: Will Future

The results \_...\_ (announce) tomorrow by the committee.

3: Past Simple

The homework \_...\_ (complete) by the students last night.

4: Present Simple

The championship trophy \_...\_ (award) to the winning team.

5: Past Simple

The email \_...\_ (send) by the manager this morning.

## **Exercise 5:**

For each pair of sentences, one is in the active and one in the passive voice. Identify which is which and then convert both sentences into the opposite voice.

1:

The book is being read by Mary. \_...\_

John is singing a song. \_...\_

2:

The fireworks will be set off by the organizers. \_...\_

The police will protect the protesters. \_...\_

3:

The song was composed by the musician. \_...\_

The director made a beautiful film. \_...\_

If you want to have your answers checked, send this document to Mr Du Buisson ([marc.dubuisson@sibu.ch](mailto:marc.dubuisson@sibu.ch))