

ACTIVE VS. PASSIVE VOICE

SENTENCES IN ACTIVE AND PASSIVE VOICE

Here are examples of sentences written in both the active voice and the passive voice, with the active voice sentence appearing first:

PASSIVE ACTIVE	Harry <small>(subject)</small> ate <small>(verb)</small> six shrimp <small>(object)</small> at dinner.	PASSIVE ACTIVE	Beautiful giraffes <small>(subject)</small> roam <small>(verb)</small> the savannah <small>(object)</small> .	PASSIVE ACTIVE	Sue <small>(subject)</small> changed <small>(verb)</small> the flat tire <small>(object)</small> .	
PASSIVE ACTIVE	VS.	PASSIVE ACTIVE	VS.	PASSIVE ACTIVE	VS.	
PASSIVE ACTIVE	At dinner, six shrimp <small>(object)</small> were eaten <small>(verb)</small> by Harry <small>(subject)</small> .	PASSIVE ACTIVE	The savannah <small>(object)</small> is roamed <small>(verb)</small> by beautiful giraffes <small>(subject)</small> .	PASSIVE ACTIVE	The flat tire <small>(object)</small> was changed <small>(verb)</small> by Sue <small>(subject)</small> .	
PASSIVE ACTIVE	VS.	PASSIVE ACTIVE	VS.	PASSIVE ACTIVE	VS.	
PASSIVE ACTIVE	We <small>(subject)</small> are going to watch <small>(verb)</small> a movie <small>(object)</small> tonight.	PASSIVE ACTIVE	I <small>(subject)</small> ran <small>(verb)</small> the obstacle course <small>(object)</small> in record time.	PASSIVE ACTIVE	The crew <small>(subject)</small> paved <small>(verb)</small> the entire stretch of highway <small>(object)</small> .	
PASSIVE ACTIVE	VS.	PASSIVE ACTIVE	VS.	PASSIVE ACTIVE	VS.	
PASSIVE ACTIVE	A movie <small>(object)</small> is going to be watched <small>(verb)</small> by us <small>(subject)</small> tonight.	PASSIVE ACTIVE	The obstacle course <small>(object)</small> was run <small>(verb)</small> by me <small>(subject)</small> in record time.	PASSIVE ACTIVE	The entire stretch of highway <small>(object)</small> was paved <small>(verb)</small> by the crew <small>(subject)</small> .	
PASSIVE ACTIVE	VS.	PASSIVE ACTIVE	VS.	PASSIVE ACTIVE	VS.	
PASSIVE ACTIVE	Mom <small>(subject)</small> read <small>(verb)</small> the novel <small>(object)</small> in one day.	ACTIVE VOICE Tells what a person or thing does.	PASSIVE ACTIVE	The critic <small>(subject)</small> wrote <small>(verb)</small> a scathing review <small>(object)</small> .	PASSIVE ACTIVE	VS.
PASSIVE ACTIVE	VS.		PASSIVE ACTIVE	VS.	PASSIVE ACTIVE	
PASSIVE ACTIVE	The novel <small>(object)</small> was read <small>(verb)</small> by Mom <small>(subject)</small> in one day.		PASSIVE ACTIVE	A scathing review <small>(object)</small> was written <small>(verb)</small> by the critic <small>(subject)</small> .	PASSIVE ACTIVE	
PASSIVE ACTIVE	VS.		PASSIVE ACTIVE	VS.	PASSIVE ACTIVE	
PASSIVE ACTIVE	I <small>(subject)</small> will clean <small>(verb)</small> the house <small>(object)</small> every Saturday.		PASSIVE ACTIVE	The staff <small>(subject)</small> is required to watch <small>(verb)</small> a safety video <small>(object)</small> every year.	PASSIVE ACTIVE	
PASSIVE ACTIVE	VS.		PASSIVE ACTIVE	VS.	PASSIVE ACTIVE	
PASSIVE ACTIVE	The house <small>(object)</small> will be cleaned <small>(verb)</small> by me <small>(subject)</small> every Saturday.		PASSIVE ACTIVE	A safety video <small>(object)</small> will be watched <small>(verb)</small> by the staff <small>(subject)</small> every year.	PASSIVE ACTIVE	
PASSIVE ACTIVE	VS.		PASSIVE ACTIVE	VS.	PASSIVE ACTIVE	
PASSIVE ACTIVE	Tom <small>(subject)</small> painted <small>(verb)</small> the entire house <small>(object)</small> .	PASSIVE VOICE Tells what is done to someone or something.	PASSIVE ACTIVE	The teacher <small>(subject)</small> always answers <small>(verb)</small> the students' questions <small>(object)</small> .	PASSIVE ACTIVE	
PASSIVE ACTIVE	VS.		PASSIVE ACTIVE	VS.	PASSIVE ACTIVE	
PASSIVE ACTIVE	The entire house <small>(object)</small> was painted <small>(verb)</small> by Tom <small>(subject)</small> .		PASSIVE ACTIVE	The students' questions <small>(object)</small> are always answered <small>(verb)</small> by the teacher <small>(subject)</small> .	PASSIVE ACTIVE	
PASSIVE ACTIVE	VS.		PASSIVE ACTIVE	VS.	PASSIVE ACTIVE	
PASSIVE ACTIVE	Tom <small>(subject)</small> will finish <small>(verb)</small> his project <small>(object)</small> by tomorrow.		PASSIVE ACTIVE	The forest fire <small>(subject)</small> destroyed <small>(verb)</small> the whole suburb <small>(object)</small> .	PASSIVE ACTIVE	
PASSIVE ACTIVE	VS.		PASSIVE ACTIVE	VS.	PASSIVE ACTIVE	
PASSIVE ACTIVE	His project <small>(object)</small> will be finished <small>(verb)</small> by Tom <small>(subject)</small> tomorrow.		PASSIVE ACTIVE	The whole suburb <small>(object)</small> was destroyed <small>(verb)</small> by the forest fire <small>(subject)</small> .	PASSIVE ACTIVE	
PASSIVE ACTIVE	VS.		PASSIVE ACTIVE	VS.	PASSIVE ACTIVE	
PASSIVE ACTIVE	The cleaning crew <small>(subject)</small> vacuums and dusts <small>(verb)</small> the office <small>(object)</small> every night.		PASSIVE ACTIVE	Mary <small>(subject)</small> is going to make <small>(verb)</small> a special dinner <small>(object)</small> for her husband.	PASSIVE ACTIVE	
PASSIVE ACTIVE	VS.		PASSIVE ACTIVE	VS.	PASSIVE ACTIVE	
PASSIVE ACTIVE	Every night the office <small>(object)</small> is vacuumed and dusted <small>(verb)</small> by the cleaning crew <small>(subject)</small> .		PASSIVE ACTIVE	A special dinner <small>(object)</small> is going to be made <small>(verb)</small> by Mary <small>(subject)</small> tonight.	PASSIVE ACTIVE	
PASSIVE ACTIVE	VS.		PASSIVE ACTIVE	VS.	PASSIVE ACTIVE	
PASSIVE ACTIVE	Alex <small>(subject)</small> posted <small>(verb)</small> the video <small>(object)</small> on Facebook.		PASSIVE ACTIVE	The wedding planner <small>(subject)</small> is making <small>(verb)</small> all the reservations <small>(object)</small> .	PASSIVE ACTIVE	
PASSIVE ACTIVE	VS.		PASSIVE ACTIVE	VS.	PASSIVE ACTIVE	
PASSIVE ACTIVE	The video <small>(object)</small> was posted <small>(verb)</small> on Facebook by Alex <small>(subject)</small> .		PASSIVE ACTIVE	All the reservations <small>(object)</small> will be made <small>(verb)</small> by the wedding planner <small>(subject)</small> .	PASSIVE ACTIVE	
PASSIVE ACTIVE	VS.		PASSIVE ACTIVE	VS.	PASSIVE ACTIVE	
PASSIVE ACTIVE	Susan <small>(subject)</small> will bake <small>(verb)</small> two dozen cupcakes <small>(object)</small> for the bake sale.		PASSIVE ACTIVE	The director <small>(subject)</small> will give <small>(verb)</small> you instructions <small>(object)</small> .	PASSIVE ACTIVE	
PASSIVE ACTIVE	VS.		PASSIVE ACTIVE	VS.	PASSIVE ACTIVE	
PASSIVE ACTIVE	For the bake sale, two dozen cookies <small>(object)</small> will be baked <small>(verb)</small> by Susan <small>(subject)</small> .		PASSIVE ACTIVE	Instructions <small>(object)</small> will be given <small>(verb)</small> to you by the director <small>(subject)</small> .	PASSIVE ACTIVE	
PASSIVE ACTIVE	VS.		PASSIVE ACTIVE	VS.	PASSIVE ACTIVE	
PASSIVE ACTIVE	The homeowners <small>(subject)</small> remodeled <small>(verb)</small> the house <small>(object)</small> to help it sell.		PASSIVE ACTIVE	The team <small>(subject)</small> will celebrate <small>(verb)</small> their victory <small>(object)</small> tomorrow.	PASSIVE ACTIVE	
PASSIVE ACTIVE	VS.		PASSIVE ACTIVE	VS.	PASSIVE ACTIVE	
PASSIVE ACTIVE	The house <small>(object)</small> was remodeled <small>(verb)</small> by the homeowners <small>(subject)</small> to help it sell.		PASSIVE ACTIVE	The victory <small>(object)</small> will be celebrated <small>(verb)</small> by the team <small>(subject)</small> tomorrow.	PASSIVE ACTIVE	
PASSIVE ACTIVE	VS.		PASSIVE ACTIVE	VS.	PASSIVE ACTIVE	
PASSIVE ACTIVE	The kangaroo <small>(subject)</small> carried <small>(verb)</small> her baby <small>(object)</small> in her pouch.		PASSIVE ACTIVE	Some people <small>(subject)</small> raise <small>(verb)</small> sugar cane <small>(object)</small> in Hawaii.	PASSIVE ACTIVE	
PASSIVE ACTIVE	VS.		PASSIVE ACTIVE	VS.	PASSIVE ACTIVE	
PASSIVE ACTIVE	The baby <small>(object)</small> was carried <small>(verb)</small> by the kangaroo <small>(subject)</small> in her pouch.		PASSIVE ACTIVE	Sugar cane <small>(object)</small> is raised <small>(verb)</small> by some people <small>(subject)</small> in Hawaii.	PASSIVE ACTIVE	
PASSIVE ACTIVE	VS.		PASSIVE ACTIVE	VS.	PASSIVE ACTIVE	