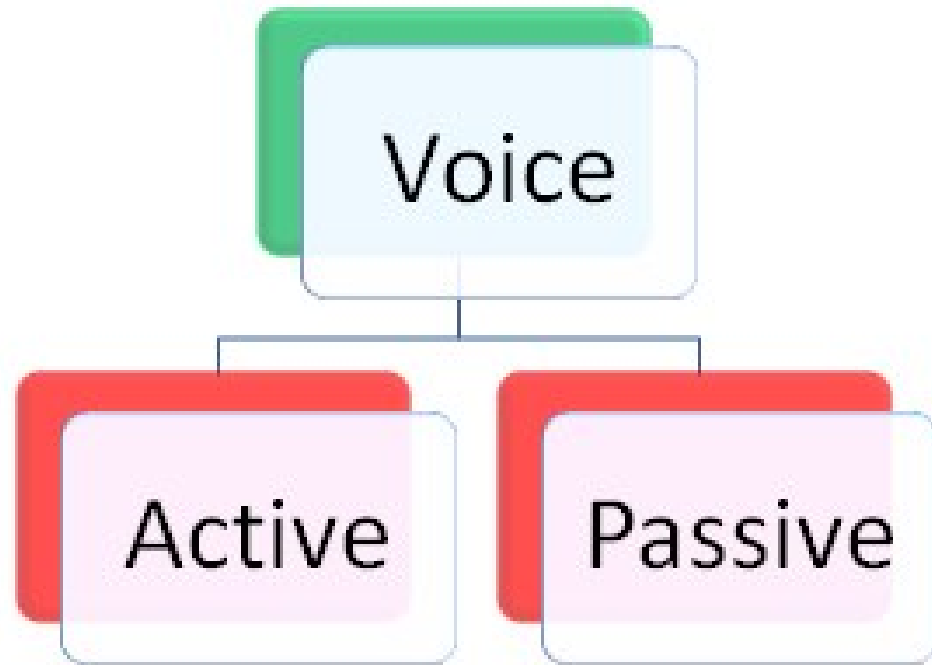


GRAMMAR

ACTIVE AND PASSIVE VOICE

THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF VOICES



VOICE

- Voice is the term used to describe the relationship between the action that the verb expresses.

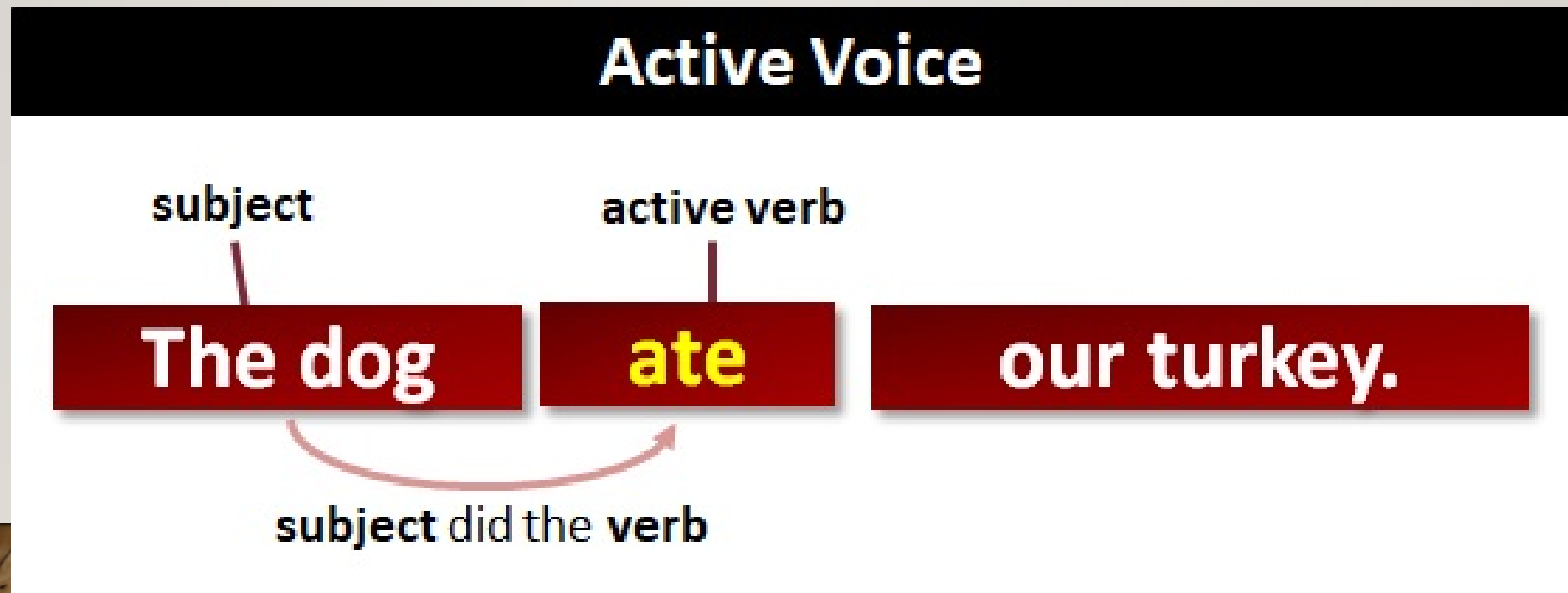
In other words, when the subject of the verb is doing the action of the verb (e.g., "The dog bit the postman."), the verb is said to be in the **active voice**.

- When the subject of the verb is being acted upon (e.g., "The postman was bitten."), the verb is said to be in the passive voice.

- So, the voice of a verb tells us whether the subject is acting or being acted upon.

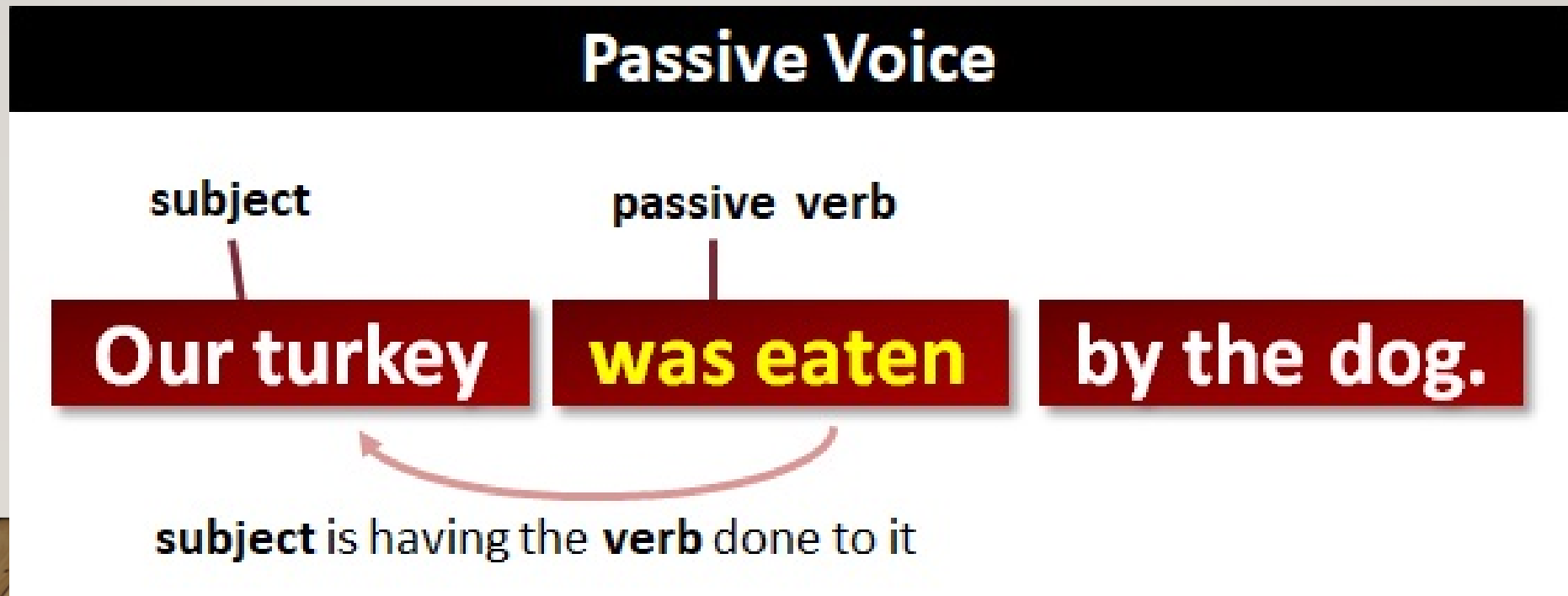
What is Active voice?

When the Subject is the agent or the doer, of the action, the verb is the active voice.



WHAT IS PASSIVE VOICE?

When the subject is the target and undergoes of the action, the verb is said to be in the passive voice.



PLACEMENTS

Active Voice

Subject Action Object
Sally drove her car off of the road.

Subject Action Object
The dog bit Timmy on the arm.

Passive Voice

Object Action Subject
The car was driven off the road by Sally.

Object Action Subject
Timmy was bitten on the arm by the dog.

**The cat was chasing
the mouse.**



**The mouse was being
chased by the cat.**

RULES FOR CHANGING FROM ACTIVE TO PASSIVE.

1. The object of the passive voice is made the subject of the passive voice.
2. The subject of the active voice is made the object of the passive voice.
3. The passive must contain Third form of the verb.
4. The form of the verb should be used according to the tense.

SUBJECT

I

VERB IN ACTIVE FORM

killed

OBJECT

a tiger

SUBJECT

The tiger

VERB IN PASSIVE FORM

was killed

by+ Subject

by me

Words like “with” or “to” are also used in passive voice. You may recall that we use “by” quite frequently in an active voice to passive voice conversion.

Active voice: I know her.

Passive voice: She is known *to* me.

Active voice: Love fills my heart.

Passive voice: My heart is filled with love.

THIRD FORM OF THE VERB/PAST PARTICIPLE

First form

Second form

Third form

Buy

Bought

Bought

Sing

sang

sung

Grow

grew

grown



CHANGE OF PERSONS

SUBJECTIVE CASE

I

WE

YOU

HE

SHE

THEY

POSSESSIVE CASE

MY

OUR

YOUR

HIS

HER

THEIR

OBJECTIVE CASE

ME

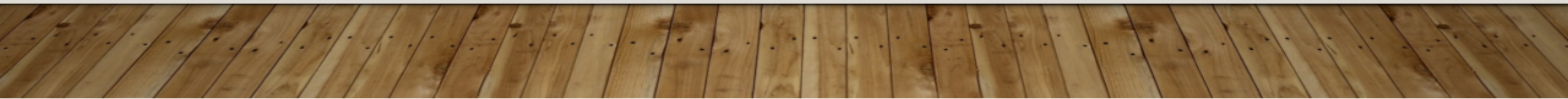
US

YOU

HIM

HER

THEM



FORMATION OF PASSIVE VOICE WITH TENSES

Tense	Active Voice	Passive Voice
Present Simple	She delivers the letters.	The letters are delivered .
Past Simple	She delivered the letters.	The letters were delivered .
Future Simple	She will deliver the letters.	The letters will be delivered .

Here in the object's place [by her] will come

CONTINUOUS TENSE

Present Continuous	She is delivering the letters.	The letters are being delivered .
Past Continuous	She was delivering the letters.	The letters were being delivered .
Going to	She is going to deliver the letters.	The letters are going to be delivered .

PERFECT TENSE

Present Perfect

She **has delivered** the letters.

The letters **have been delivered**.

Past Perfect

She **had delivered** the letters.

The letters **had been delivered**.

Infinitive

She **has to deliver** the letters.

The letters **have to be delivered**.

Modals

She **must deliver** the letters.

The letters **must be delivered**.

EXAMPLES

Active

1. Lata *sings* lovely songs.
2. We *did not grow* rice.
3. What *do you want*?
4. They *will run* a race.
5. Tom *is building* a house.
6. I *was writing* a letter.
7. Someone *has stolen* my purse.
8. She *had finished* her work.
9. People *will admire* him.
10. *Did* no one *help* you?
11. *Will* she *deliver* the message?
12. *Respect* your elders.

Passive

- Lovely songs *are sung* by Lata.
- Rice *was not grown* by us.
- What *is wanted* by you?
- A race *will be run* by them.
- A house *is being built* by Tom.
- A letter *was being written* by me.
- My purse *has been stolen* (by someone).
- Her work *had been finished* by her.
- He *will be admired* (by people).
- Were you not helped* (by the anyone)?
- Will* the message *be delivered* by her?
- Elders *should be respected*.

EXERCISE

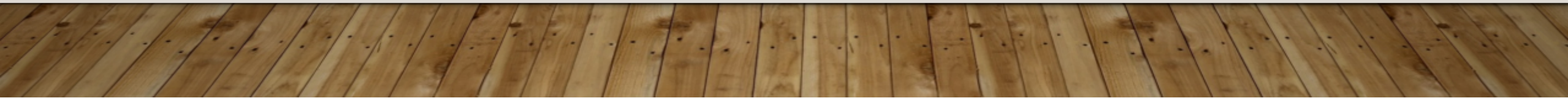
Harry ate six shrimp at dinner.

Beautiful giraffes roam the savannah.

Sue changed the flat tire.

We are going to watch a movie tonight.

I ran the obstacle course in record time.



ANSWER

At dinner, six shrimp were eaten by Harry.

The savannah is roamed by beautiful giraffes.

The flat tire was changed by Sue.

A movie is going to be watched by us tonight.

The obstacle course was run by me in record time.

