



Active and Passive Verbs

We say a **verb is active** when the **subject of the verb performs the action**.

For example: The man gave a present.

A **verb is said to be passive** when the **sentence's subject has the action done to it**. For example: A present was given by the man.



Task 1

Re-write the following sentences so that the **verb is passive not active**. The first one has been done for you.

Active Verb

1. Emma opened the parcel.
2. Sam played the violin.
3. The cook served the dinner.
4. Charles Dickens wrote the book.
5. The Headteacher led the assembly.
6. The duck laid six eggs.
7. Jim wrote an apology.
8. A scientist performed the experiment.

Passive Verb

1. The parcel was opened by Emma.
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

Task 2

Now change these sentences with **passive verbs** to a sentence with an **active verb**. The first one has been done for you.

1. The play was written by Mrs. Green.
2. The trophy was won by Emma Jones.
3. The fish was caught by the old lady.
4. The lunch was made by the Head Chef.
5. The fair was organised by the Brownie pack.
6. The money was donated by the rich lady.
7. The planet was soon reached by the rocket.
8. The speech was given by the President.
9. The boy was bitten by the dog.
10. The necklace was stolen by the thief.

1. Mrs. Green wrote the play.
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

Task 3

Make up examples of active and passive sentences of your own. Write three examples of each.