



Active and Passive Voice Quiz

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What is the difference between active and passive voice?

- Difference is in the meaning
- Connected with the verb
- Does the subject act or is the subject acted upon?
- All of the above

T/F When using the passive voice, the subject of the sentence *receives* the action, whereas active voice allows the subject of the sentence to *perform* the action.

T/F Passive voice usually means more wordy, less concise sentences.

T/F The following is an example of active voice: The essay is being written by the student.

T/F The following sentence is an example of passive voice: Topics for the next essay are being considered by the students.

T/F Active voice is more direct and contains less wordy, more concise sentences.

T/F The following sentence is an example of active voice: Their friends often take them to interesting places.

T/F The following sentence is an example of passive voice: The students considered topics for the next essay.

T/F To change from passive to active, find the subject in a "by the..." phrase, or consider carefully who or what is performing the action expressed in the verb. Make that agent the subject of the sentence, and change the verb accordingly.

T/F The following sentence is an example of passive voice: The essay was written by Shelia.

T/F The following sentence is an example of active voice: Shelia wrote the essay.

T/F The following sentence is an example of active voice: The big, green apples were left on the table by the professor.

T/F The following sentences is an example of passive voice: The professor left the big, green apples on the table.

Circle the Active sentence:

- ♣ The apple was eaten by Charlene. or Charlene ate the apple.
- ♣ Clams are considered a delicacy by many people. or Many people consider clams a delicacy.

Can you tell the difference?

Is this paragraph active or passive?

Passive: The potholes are being repaired by the workers. Hot, black, asphalt was poured into the potholes by the crew. Safe driving on the part of the public is appreciated by the road crew to insure their safety.

Active: The workers repaired the potholes. The crew poured hot, black asphalt into the potholes. To insure their safety, the crew appreciates the public driving safely.

If it is passive, how would it be written if it were active?

Is this paragraph active or passive?

The professor graded the essays. Many students scored well because they used active voice. One student almost failed because he had too many passive sentences. The professor recommended the student to the Center for Teaching and Learning.

If it is passive, how would it be written if it were active?