

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020

To identify passive and active voice.

The **active voice** is when the subject of the sentence does something to the object of the sentence.

Tom dragged the chair across the room.

**Subject**                      **Object**

The **passive voice** is when the subject has something done to it.

Tom was struck by a falling branch.

**Subject**                                      **Object**

When you are in the sentence, you need to choose I or my depending on if you are active or passive.

I walked across the road. (Active)

**Subject**                      **Object**

She gave me a new book.

**Subject**   **Object**

Finally, if you are both active and passive in the same sentence, you use **I** and **myself**

I accidentally hurt myself.

**Subject**      **Object**

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Active if the subject is doing something.

Passive if something is done to the subject.

If you do something to yourself, use I and myself.

**Red = try the first five**

**Green = try all of the questions**

**Blue = try all of these and set two of your own.**

**Q1.**

Tick one box in each row to show whether the sentence is written in the **active** or the **passive**.

| Sentence                                | Active | Passive |
|---|--------|---------|
| The lost dog was found by the children. |        |         |
| Everyone heard the thunder.             |        |         |
| Nicole was riding her bike.             |        |         |

**1 mark**

**Q2.**

Tick one box in each row to show whether the sentence is written in the **active voice** or the **passive voice**.

| Sentence                               | Active | Passive |
|--|--------|---------|
| Otters live in clean rivers.           |        |         |
| Fish are eaten by otters.              |        |         |
| Usually, otters are playful creatures. |        |         |

**1 mark**

**Q3.**

Which sentence is written in the **active voice**?

Tick **one**.

The book was returned to the library yesterday.

The assembly was held in the hall.

The bad weather led to the cancellation.

The floods were caused by the heavy rain.

**1 mark**

**Q4.**

Which sentence uses the **passive**?

Tick **one**.

The school proposed building a new playground.

The issue was discussed at a council meeting.

The council voted in favour of the proposal.

They started building the new playground last week.

**1 mark**

**Q5.**

Rewrite the sentence below so that it is in the **active** voice.  
Remember to punctuate your sentence correctly.

The results were announced by the judges.

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**1 mark**

**Q6.**

Rewrite the sentence below so that it is written in the **passive voice**.  
Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

The pouring rain drenched us.

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**1 mark**

**Q7.**

Rewrite the sentence below in the **active**.  
Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

The vital clues were discovered by the detective.

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**1 mark**



Mark scheme

**Q1.**

**Award 1 mark** for a correctly completed table.

|   | Active | Passive |
|---|--------|---------|
| The lost dog was found by the children. |        | ✓       |
| Everyone heard the thunder.             | ✓      |         |
| Nicole was riding her bike.             | ✓      |         |

1 mark

**Q2.**

**Award 1 mark** for a correctly completed table.

| Sentence                               | Active | Passive |
|--|--------|---------|
| Otters live in clean rivers.           | ✓      |         |
| Fish are eaten by otters.              |        | ✓       |
| Usually, otters are playful creatures. | ✓      |         |

1 mark

**Q3.**

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- The bad weather led to the cancellation.
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1 mark

**Q4.**

**Award 1 mark** for the correct box ticked.

The issue was discussed at a council meeting.

1 mark

**Q5.**

**Award 1 mark** for a correctly punctuated sentence using the active voice.

*The judges announced the results.*

1 mark

**Q6.**

**Award 1 mark** for a correctly punctuated sentence using the passive voice, e.g.

- *We were drenched.*
- *We were drenched by the pouring rain.*
- *We were drenched by the rain.*

**Do not accept** responses that change the verb or tense, e.g.

- *We were soaked [by the pouring rain].*
- *We are drenched [by the pouring rain].*

**1 mark**

**Q7.**

**Award 1 mark** for a correctly punctuated sentence using the active.

*The detective discovered the vital clues.*

**1 mark**