

Active and Passive voice

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Active Voice

- In active voice the subject is doing the action
- Example: The blazing fire blistered the walls.

Passive Voice

- In passive voice the target of the action gets promoted to the subject position.
- Passive sentences aren't correct, we only use them because they are the best way to phrase our thoughts.
- Use of “to be” verbs puts a sentence in passive voice. (is, are, was, were, will be, etc.)

Active vs. Passive

- Active: Mrs. Klos adores Jon
- Passive: Jon is adored by Mrs. Klos

- Active: She grows tomatoes and corn on her farm.
- Passive: Tomatoes and corn are grown on her farm.

Quiz

Directions: change the passive sentences to active.

1. English is spoken ans. English was spoken
2. Exams are prepared by teachers. Ans. Exams were
3. Oranges are grown in California. Ans. Were grown
4. Her purse was stolen. Ans. Some1 stole her purse
5. Tom has been sad. Ans. Tom feels sad