

Active Voice vs. Passive Voice

In **active voice** sentences, the subject **does** the action.
Sentence structure: subject + action verb + object receiving the action.
Dogs bury bones. Sandy takes cupcakes each Monday.

In **passive voice** sentences, the subject **receives** the action.
Sentence structure: subject + (auxiliary verb + past participle) + object doing the action.
Bones are buried by dogs. Cupcakes are taken by Sandy each Monday.

Exercise: Change the active voice sentences to passive voice.

1. The artist sings a song as he paints.

A song is sung by the artist as he paints. _____

2. The little girl pounds the piano when mad.

The piano is pounded by the little girl when mad. _____

3. The man with no teeth wants new dentures.

New dentures are wanted by the man with no teeth _____

4. Many of my friends surf the internet during class.

The internet is surfed by many of my friends during class. _____

5. The weatherman forecasts storms for tomorrow.

Storms are forecasted by the weatherman for tomorrow. _____

6. My grandfather made the chest of drawers for my wedding present.

The chest of drawers was made by my grandfather for my wedding present. _____

7. The talented cardiac surgeon saves lives every day.

Lives are saved by the talented cardiac surgeon every day. _____

8. Many of the stars perform concerts for their favorite charity.

Concerts are performed by many of the stars for their favorite charity. _____