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Passive and Active Sentence Builders

postman's	spacecraft	Yesterday	hurtled
fox	the	to	bailed
leg	garden	doughnuts	Milo
as	alien	it	fox
the	sneaked	I	out
ate	grabbed	The	the
Earth	At	into	the
of	a	night	full
packet	of	.	.
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Active and Passive Voice

Active verbs

Verbs can have an **active** or **passive** voice. When a verb is **active**, the **subject** of the sentence is doing the action. For example:

The cat sat on the mat.

Here, cat is the **subject**, sat is the **active** verb, and the mat is the object.

Passive verbs

Contrast this with the **passive** voice of the verb:

The mat was sat on by the cat.

Here, the mat is the **subject** and is suffering the action of being sat on by the cat.

Complete the following table, inserting a check mark showing whether the verb is **active** or **passive**.

Verb	Active	Passive
The school arranged a visit.		
A visit was arranged by the school.		
The dog buried the bone.		
The bone was buried by the dog.		
The man painted the wall.		
The wall was painted by the man.		
The ball was thrown at the window by the naughty girl.		
The naughty girl threw the ball at the window.		
You must not run across the road.		
You could get run over!		

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Active to Passive

I can change a sentence from active to passive.



Annotate this sentence to explain why it is passive.

The car was washed by Dad.

Now change the following active sentences to passive.

1. Simon Cowell glared at the X Factor contestant.

2. The year 6 children run a tuck shop.

3. Your cat took the last biscuit.

4. Mrs Tellman organised a theatre trip.

5. The tiger gnawed at the bone.

6. John gave his old toys.

7. Freddie saw the Harry Potter film.

8. Mr Mitchell spoke about the playground incident.

9. The new vicar replaced Father Peter.

10. Sarah took the hamster to the vet.

Challenge: can you create your own sentences in the active AND passive voice?