

## Active and Passive Voice #2

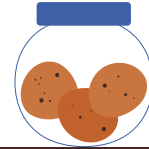
In grammar, **voice** communicates whether the subject of a clause performs or receives the action of the verb.

If a sentence is written in **active voice**, the subject *performs* the action of the verb.

→ Robyn baked cookies on Sunday.

If a sentence is written in **passive voice**, the subject *receives* the action of the verb.

→ The cookies were baked on Sunday by Robyn.



Active and passive voice emphasize different aspects of a sentence. In the examples above, the **active** sentence places importance on who baked the cupcakes, while the **passive** sentence emphasizes the fact that the cupcakes were baked.

**Directions: Write whether the underlined clause shows active or passive voice.**

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| <b>1</b>  | <u>Tariq is riding his bicycle from Maryland to California this fall</u> , but he plans to fly home when he's done.  | <u>active</u>  |
| <b>2</b>  | <u>All snacks and drinks must be discarded</u> before you return to your seats at the end of intermission.   | <u>passive</u> |
| <b>3</b>  | <u>Luella has been learning to meditate with the help of an app</u> , and she can already see improvements in her focus and concentration.                                   | <u>active</u>  |
| <b>4</b>  | Rachel and Ely's favorite Halloween store went out of business, <u>so their costumes have to be rented from a different company this year</u> .                              | <u>passive</u> |
| <b>5</b>  | <u>Though Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 was composed over two hundred years ago</u> , it still receives acclaim around the world today.   | <u>passive</u> |
| <b>6</b>  | <u>Luca had been backpacking across Thailand for 3 weeks</u> when he decided to write a travelogue detailing his journey.  | <u>active</u>  |
| <b>7</b>  | <u>Toni Morrison had published several novels</u> by the time she won the 1993 Nobel Prize in Literature.  | <u>active</u>  |
| <b>8</b>  | Because seahorse eyes can move independently from one another, <u>seahorses can look forward and backward at the same time</u> .   | <u>active</u>  |
| <b>9</b>  | Now that Greenville has put up the memorial, <u>the actions of the brave firefighters will be remembered and honored for years to come</u> .                                 | <u>passive</u> |
| <b>10</b> | Before the telegraph, the fastest message service in America was the Pony Express; <u>messages could be carried from the East Coast to the West Coast in about 10 days</u> . | <u>passive</u> |