


Changing Passive Voice to Active Voice #2

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

<p>If a sentence is written in active voice, the subject <i>performs</i> the action of the verb.</p>	<p>The baker decorated the cupcakes. <u>Subject</u> + verb performed by the subject + optional object</p>	
<p>If a sentence is written in passive voice, the subject <i>receives</i> the verb's action.</p>	<p>The cupcakes were decorated by the baker. <u>Subject</u> + form of <i>to be</i> + past participle of verb + prepositional phrase</p>	
<p>When a sentence is in passive voice, the person or thing performing the action might be <i>implied</i> rather than directly mentioned.</p>	<p>The cupcakes were decorated. <u>Subject</u> + form of <i>to be</i> + past participle of verb Note: The <i>implied</i> performer, the baker, is not included in this sentence.</p>	

Though exceptions exist, it is best to use active voice in formal writing.

Rewrite the following sentences to use active voice instead of passive voice. In each sentence, the person or thing performing the action is implied, so you'll need to use context clues.

- PASSIVE:** Our pizza should have been delivered ten minutes ago.

ACTIVE: The delivery person should have delivered our pizza ten minutes ago.

IMPLIED PERFORMER:
 delivery person
- PASSIVE:** The pictures were taken for a holiday card.

ACTIVE: The photographer took the pictures for a holiday card.

IMPLIED PERFORMER:
 photographer
- PASSIVE:** The flowers were painted in an abstract style.

ACTIVE: The artist painted the flowers in an abstract style.

IMPLIED PERFORMER:
 artist
- PASSIVE:** The plane was landed with ease on the tiny runway.

ACTIVE: The pilot landed the plane with ease on the tiny runway.

IMPLIED PERFORMER:
 pilot
- PASSIVE:** Thousands of marine life species are discovered each year.

ACTIVE: Scientists discover thousands of marine life species each year.

IMPLIED PERFORMER:
 scientists
- PASSIVE:** Next year, the school plays will be performed in the new theater.

ACTIVE: Next year, students will perform the school plays in the new theater.

IMPLIED PERFORMER:
 students