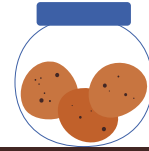Name _____ Date _____

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 <u>who</u> baked the cupcakes, while the **passive** sentence emphasizes the fact that the cupcakes were baked.

Directions: Write whether the underlined clause shows <u>active</u> or <u>passive</u> voice.

1 <u>Tariq is riding his bicycle from Maryland to California this fall</u>, but he plans to fly home when he's done. _____

2 <u>All snacks and drinks must be discarded</u> before you return to your seats at the end of intermission. _____

3 <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. _____

4 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>. _____

5 <u>Though Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 was composed over two hundred years ago</u>, it still receives acclaim around the world today. _____

6 <u>Luca had been backpacking across Thailand for 3 weeks</u> when he decided to write a travelogue detailing his journey. _____

7 <u>Toni Morrison had published several novels</u> by the time she won the 1993 Nobel Prize in Literature. _____

8 Because seahorse eyes can move independently from one another, <u>seahorses can look forward and backward at the same time</u>. _____

9 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>. _____

10 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>. _____