

Active and Passive



Circle the subject in this sentence.

That's right – the dog is the subject in this sentence.

Now, find the verb and put a box around it.

Have you drawn the box in the right place? Why is the box round both was and chewing?

The dog was actively chewing the shoe! So this is an active sentence.

How could we change this sentence around?

How have we changed this sentence around?

Now circle the subject in this sentence.

The shoe is now the subject of this sentence.

Where is the verb in this sentence? Draw a rectangle around the verb.



Did you get it right? What is happening to the shoe?

This is a passive sentence. The subject-the shoe is not doing anything, it is 'passively' having something done to it. It is being chewed!

Is this sentence active or passive?

Sarah was drawing a picture.





That's right! This sentence is active. Sarah is actively drawing the picture.

The window was broken by Kelly.

Is this sentence active or passive?



The window was broken by Kelly.

Well done! This sentence is passive. The subject of the sentence is the window. The window had something done to it – Kelly broke it!

Homework

Write down 5 examples of active sentences.

Create five passive sentences using the active sentences you have written in your book.