

### 4.10 Passive Voice vs. Active Voice



Read the following sentences.

If they are written in the active voice, change them to the passive voice.

If they are written in the passive voice, change them to the active voice.

(Did you notice that the sentences above were written in the passive voice?)

**\*Remember:** you need to write in the same tense. If the first sentence is **past tense**, then the second sentence should be **past tense**, too. If the first sentence is **present tense**, then the second sentence should be **present tense**, too.

**\*\*Also remember that you don't need to write the subject** in passive voice sentences if the subject is **not important or not known**.

1. The workers completed the house yesterday.

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2. My great-great-grandfather founded this village.

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3. I was taught guitar by my sister.

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4. The teacher ignored the silly question.

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5. My missing cell phone was found by Jack.

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6. Someone wrote this book over two thousand years ago.

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7. That stranger paid for my meal!

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8. I was surprised by that stranger's kindness!

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