

4.4 Introduction to Passive Voice

To use the **passive voice**, you say:

Object + [Be Verb + Past Participle] + by + Subject

Active Voice: A truck hit the stray dog yesterday.

Passive Voice: The stray dog **was hit by a truck yesterday.**

Active Voice: A tornado destroyed the house.

Passive Voice: The house **was destroyed by a tornado.**

Active Voice: That car hit me.

Passive Voice: I **was hit by that car.**

*Remember: the **be verbs** are **am, is, are, was, and were.**

*The passive voice is usually past tense, so we usually use **was** or **were.**



These sentences are in the active voice. Rewrite them using the passive voice.

1. My little brother spilled the milk. _____
2. Maria flew the plane. _____
3. Chris broke the window. _____
4. Mr. Kurtz bought the painting. _____
5. My sister cleaned my room. _____
6. The owner sold the company. _____
7. The professors solved the difficult math problem.

