

### 4.5 Passive Voice: No Subjects

We often use the **Passive Voice** when:

- **we don't know what the subject is...**
  - **The door was opened** (by someone – I don't know whom).
  - **My car was stolen** (but I don't know who stole it).
- **or the subject is not important, or we don't want to say the subject**
  - **This paper was written very well.**
  - **Jordan was given a car for his birthday.**



**These sentences are in the active voice.  
Rewrite them using the passive voice, but don't include the subject.**

**Example:**

**The Bulls defeated the Lakers last night.**

**The Lakers were defeated last night.**

**1. Someone stole my cell phone!**

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**2. Someone hit my dog in the leg!**

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**3. A policeman caught the thief last night.**

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**4. (Someone) cancelled class because of the weather.**

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**5. People discovered gold in California in 1848.**

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**6. The teachers rewarded John for his good grades.**

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