

4.7 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.

Examples:

John took my car to the mechanic. (active voice)

My car was taken to the mechanic by John. (passive voice)

My phone was stolen yesterday. (passive voice)

Someone stole my phone yesterday. (active voice)



1. The sharks were killed by the fishermen.

2. The big dog ate the cute little cat!

3. In the movie, the car hits a bridge.

4. The gold was found by a child playing in the park.

5. The criminal was caught by the young policeman.

6. Jane's nephew stole my new watch!
