

4.8 Passive Voice: Subject or No Subject?

The passive voice is often useful when the subject of a sentence is **not important** or is **not known**.

For example:

The man was arrested by police last night. (We already know that the police arrested the man, so you don't need to add this information.)

My car was stolen by someone! (I don't know who stole my car, so it is not necessary to say "by someone".)



Write passive voice sentences using the words below.
Only use the subject if you think it is necessary.

Examples:

car / stolen / by someone

My car was stolen.

car / stolen / by John

My car was stolen by John.

1. Lynn and Brian / married / by a priest / last weekend

2. The workers / paid on Thursdays / by their boss

3. This song / written / by my grandmother

4. I / pulled over last night / by a policeman

