

# English

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## ACTIVE AND PASSIVE VOICE



**What  
was said  
just now?**

# ACTIVE AND PASSIVE VOICE

- A sentence is written in **active voice** when the subject of the sentence is performing the action.
- A sentence is written in **passive voice** when the subject of the sentence has something done to it by someone or something.

# Subject and object (revision)

What is the **subject** of each of these sentences?

The dog barked.

The dog bit me.

I bit the dog.

You must get off the bus.

This bus goes to Leeds.

I am a dog.

**The dog** barked.

**The dog** bit me.

**I** bit the dog.

**You** must get off the bus.

**This bus** goes to Leeds.

**I** am a dog.

# Subject and object (revision)

What is the **object** of each of these sentences? Do they all have an object?

The dog barked.

The dog bit me.

I bit the dog.

You must go to Leeds on the bus.

I'm sharpening my pencil.

Get a new pencil.

The dog barked.

The dog bit **me**.

I bit **the dog**.

You must go to Leeds on the bus.

I'm sharpening **my pencil**.

Get **a new pencil**.

# Passive verbs

A passive verb lets us use the object of the action as the subject of the sentence.

The dog bit me. (active verb)

I was bitten by the dog. (passive verb)



# Task 1: Turn these active verb sentences into passive verb sentences:

1. Bees make honey.

**Honey is ...**

2. The sun warmed and dried him.

3. A passing herd of buffalo nearly flattened us.

4. A projecting ledge of rock broke my fall.



# Task 2: Turn these passive verb sentences into active verb sentences:

1. My fall was broken by a projecting ledge of rock.



2. The robbers were seen by a member of the public.

Make up 2 more of your own.