



Active and passive

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I directed the award-winning film. (an **active** sentence)

Passive sentences describe an action done **to the subject**.

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Change these sentences from **passive** to **active**.

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Our team



The winning goal was scored by Rachel.

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The party was enjoyed by all my friends.



Jack was stung by an unusual insect.

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Now change these sentences from **active** to **passive**.

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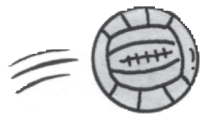
Passive sentences describe an action done **to the subject**.

The award-winning film was directed by me. (a **passive** sentence)

Change these sentences from **passive** to **active**.

The match was won by our team.

Our team won the match.



The winning goal was scored by Rachel.

Rachel scored the winning goal.

The party was enjoyed by all my friends.

All my friends enjoyed the party.



Jack was stung by an unusual insect.

An unusual insect stung Jack.

Now change these sentences from **active** to **passive**.

Aliens invade our planet.

Our planet is invaded by aliens.

Leonardo da Vinci painted the *Mona Lisa*.

The Mona Lisa was painted by Leonardo da Vinci.

The team dislike the group leader.

The group leader is disliked by the team.

The hero piloted his craft with great skill.

The hero's craft was piloted with great skill.

A hurricane struck the town.

The town was struck by a hurricane.

Here the task is to change a sentence from active to passive and *vice versa*. Check that your child understands the difference between the active and passive voices and can use them confidently. It may help if you think up practice sentences together.