

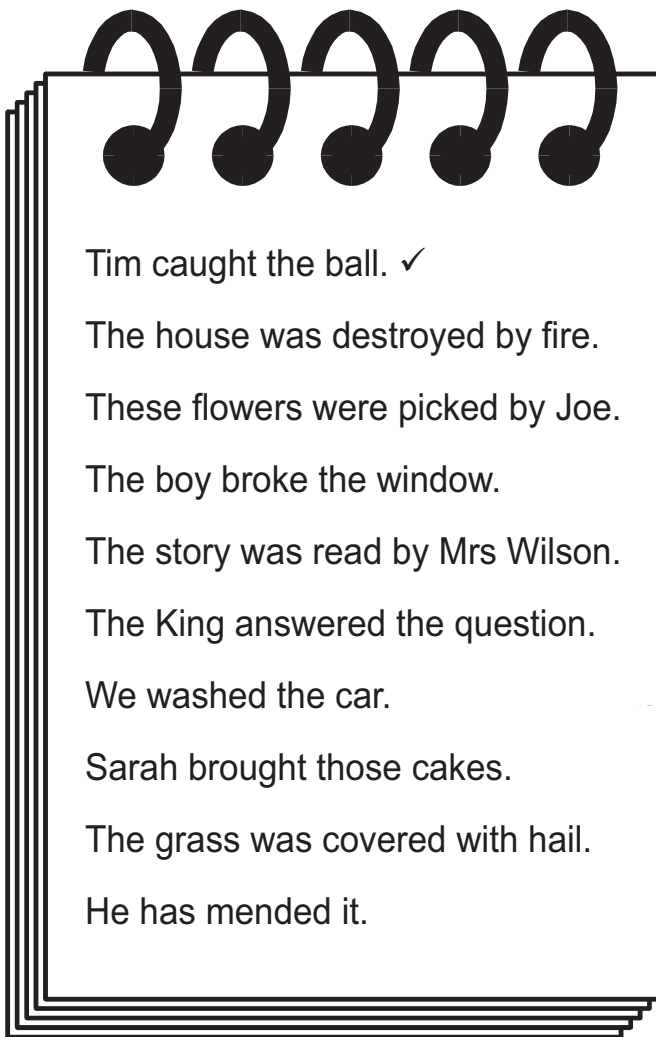
Active and passive 1:

Recognizing active and passive

See the handout on **Active and passive** if you need help to complete this exercise.

Which is which?

The notepad shows sentences in active and passive voices. Decide which voice each one is in and write it in the correct box below.



Active voice

Tim caught the ball.

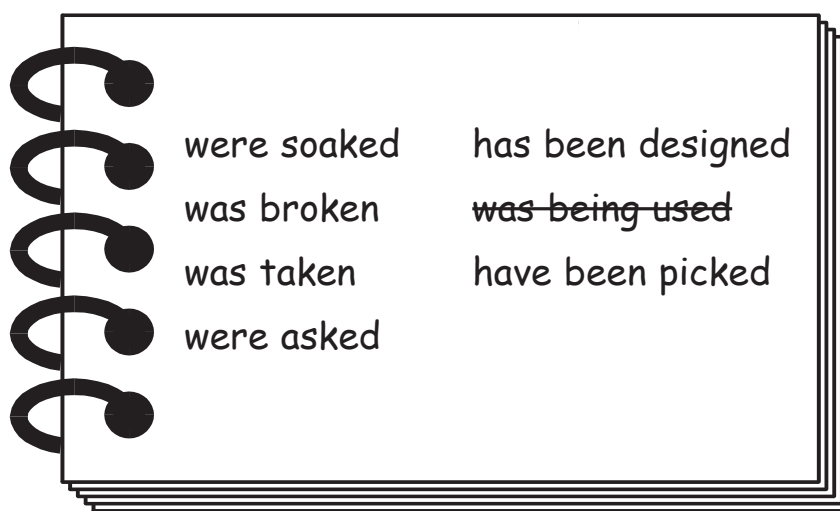
Passive voice

Active and passive 2: Using the passive voice

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Practise being passive

The notepad shows some verbs in the passive voice. Use them to complete the sentences below.



1. The computer was being used by my brother all day on Sunday.
2. Our dog _____ for a walk yesterday by my uncle.
3. One of the new cups _____ by Helen.
4. The footballers _____ by the heavy rain.
5. The new building _____ by that architect.
6. All the blackberries _____ by the children.
7. Questions _____ by the police.

Changing voice

Read the following sentences, which are written in the active voice. Rewrite them in the passive form.

1. The fish ate the tadpoles. _____
2. My dad was using my calculator. _____
3. Mr Roberts started the new drama club last term. _____

Active and passive 3:

Using active and passive

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Making it active

Passive sentences do not always tell you who did something. When a 'doer' is not mentioned, the sentence cannot be changed to an active voice.

Read the following sentences. Put a tick by the ones that can be changed to the active voice and rewrite them below.

1. That nest was built by the blackbird.
2. Your picture will be taken by the school photographer.
3. His expensive watch has been lost.
4. The parcel should have been delivered by the postman.
5. The books were left on the desk by the window.
6. The teacher was amused.
7. The frog was turned into a princess by the prince's kiss.

The blackbird built that nest.

Making it passive

Change the following to the passive voice.

The monkey climbed the tree. It threw down three coconuts. Jim caught one.
