

LO To identify the active and passive voice

Watch the Active and Passive Voice video, then have a go at answering these questions. Either print off the sheet and stick it into your book, or copy out the questions into your book

This is new Year 6 learning, so don't worry if you don't remember what to do straight away. You can always have another look at the video, or just answer the questions that you can do.

Remember:

Active – The cat chased the mouse.

Passive – The mouse was chased by the cat.

Q1.

Tick one box in each row to show whether the sentence is written in the **active voice** or the **passive voice**.

Sentence	Active	Passive
Otters live in clean rivers.		
Fish are eaten by otters.		
Usually, otters are playful creatures.		

Q2.

Tick one box in each row to show whether the sentence is written in the **active** or the **passive**.

Sentence	Active	Passive
The lost dog was found by the children.		
Everyone heard the thunder.		
Nicole was riding her bike.		

Q3.

Rewrite the sentence below in the **passive**.
Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

The wind damaged the fence.

Q4.

Rewrite the sentence below in the **active**.
Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

The vital clues were discovered by the detective.

Q5.

Rewrite the sentence below so that it is in the active voice.
Remember to punctuate your sentence correctly.

The results were announced by the judges.

Q6.

Rewrite the sentence below so that it is written in the **passive voice**.
Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

The pouring rain drenched us.

Mark schemes

Q1.

Award 1 mark for a correctly completed table.

Sentence	Active	Passive
Otters live in clean rivers.	✓	
Fish are eaten by otters.		✓
Usually, otters are playful creatures.	✓	

Q2.

Award 1 mark for a correctly completed table.

	Active	Passive
The lost dog was found by the children.		✓
Everyone heard the thunder.	✓	
Nicole was riding her bike.	✓	

Q3.

Award 1 mark for a correctly punctuated sentence using the passive, e.g.

- *The fence was damaged by the wind.*
- *The fence was damaged by wind.*
- *The fence was damaged.*

Also accept

- *The fence got damaged by (the) wind.*
- *The fence got damaged.*

Do not accept a change to the verb or tense, e.g.

- *The fence is damaged.*
- *The fence was destroyed.*

Do not accept misspellings of verb forms.

Q4.

Award 1 mark for a correctly punctuated sentence using the active.

The detective discovered the vital clues.

Q5.

Award 1 mark for a correctly punctuated sentence using the active voice.

The judges announced the results.

Q6.

Award 1 mark for a correctly punctuated sentence using the passive voice, e.g.

- *We were drenched.*
- *We were drenched by the pouring rain.*
- *We were drenched by the rain.*

Do not accept responses that change the verb or tense, e.g.

- *We were soaked [by the pouring rain].*
- *We are drenched [by the pouring rain].*