Y6 Active Passive Voice

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1. Worked example

Rewrite in the passive: 'The gardener planted three apple trees.'

Step 1 · Find the object

three apple trees

Step 2 · Make it the subject and add was/were + past participle

Three apple trees were planted (plural, so were)

Step 3 · Add the doer with 'by' if it matters

by the gardener

Answer: Three apple trees were planted by the gardener.

Check: Same tense (past), same meaning, new focus.

2. Now try one with the steps

Rewrite in the active: 'The letter was signed by the head teacher.'

Step 1 · Find the doer (after 'by')

Step 2 · Make the doer the subject

Step 3 · Use the active verb in the same tense

Answer:

3. Practice

Have a go at each one. There is space underneath to work it out.

1. Active or passive? 'The parcel was delivered at noon.'

2. Active or passive? 'Ravi delivered the parcel at noon.'

3. Write the past participle of 'write'.

4. Rewrite in the passive: 'The storm damaged the roof.'

5. Rewrite in the active: 'The goal was scored by Maya.'

6. Rewrite in the passive, leaving out the doer: 'Someone has stolen my bike.'

7. In 'The song was written by Oluwaseun', who did the action?

8. Rewrite in the passive: 'The chefs prepare the meals every morning.'

9. Is this passive? 'The shop was busy.' Explain.

10. Rewrite in the passive: 'The vet will examine the puppy tomorrow.'

11. Rewrite in the passive: 'Builders are repairing the bridge.'

12. Give one reason a science report might say 'The salt was dissolved in water' instead of 'I dissolved the salt in water'.

13. Why might a report say 'Mistakes were made' rather than naming who made them?

14. Rewrite in the active, adding a sensible doer: 'The museum was opened in 1902.'

4. Before you hand it in

The meal cooked by the chef.

The meal was cooked by the chef.

The trees was planted.

The trees were planted.

Thinking every 'was' makes a passive: 'Tom was happy.'

'Tom was praised' is passive; 'Tom was happy' is not.

Changing the tense by accident: 'The dog chases the ball' → 'The ball was chased by the dog.'

The ball is chased by the dog.