

## Passive Voice -Practice

To make a sentence passive voice, we need to invert the order of the subject and the object of an active sentence so the object becomes the subject of the sentence.

Michael answered the phone. → The phone **was answered by** Michael.

Passive Form = **be (tense) +past participle**.

Remember: Intransitive verbs are not used in passive voice.

**A. Change the following ACTIVE VOICE sentences into PASSIVE VOICE, but only if possible. Omit the *by*-phrase wherever possible. Do NOT change the verb tense.**

1. The student copied the new vocabulary into her notebook.  
*The new vocabulary* \_\_\_\_\_
2. The salesperson talked Sung Ho into buying a new car.  
*Sung Ho* \_\_\_\_\_
3. The chef seasoned the bubbling pot of *pho* with star anise.  
The bubbling pot of *pho* \_\_\_\_\_
4. The sous chef chopped the onions and grated the ginger.  
The onions \_\_\_\_\_ and the ginger \_\_\_\_\_
5. The crow ate all of the cherries on her tree.  
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6. This year, monkeys have bitten several tourists in Phuket.  
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7. It rains a lot during the monsoon season.  
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8. The sun rises at seven o'clock in winter.  
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9. Her parents taught her to be punctual.  
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10. The scholar diligently checked all of his references.  
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**B. Change the following PASSIVE VOICE sentences into ACTIVE VOICE ones. Do NOT change the verb tense.**

1. Saffron is cultivated in Spain and in Iran.  
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2. This play was first performed in ancient Greece.  
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3. Her rice pudding was loved by her friends and family alike.  
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4. His cat's collar will be designed by a famous craftsman.  
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### ANSWERS:

A.

1. *The new vocabulary was copied into her notebook (by the student).*
2. *Sung Ho was talked into buying a new car (by the salesman).*
3. *The bubbling pot of pho was seasoned (by the chef) with star anise.*
4. *The onions were chopped and the ginger was grated (by the sous chef).*
5. *All of the cherries on the tree were eaten by the crow.*
6. *Several tourists were bitten by monkeys in Phuket.*
7. **No passive form**
8. **No Passive form**
9. *She was taught to be punctual (by her parents)*
10. *His (The scholar's) references were diligently checked (by the scholar).*

B.

1. *People cultivate saffron in Spain and in Iran.*
2. *Someone first performed this play in ancient Greece.*
3. *Her friends and family loved her rice pudding.*
4. *A famous craftsman will design his cat's collar.*