

Active and Passive

Active voice is the usual voice of the verb. The object receives the action of the verb.

Example: **The children decorated the Christmas tree.** **Santa delivered the presents.**

Subject **verb** **object** **Subject** **verb** **object**

Passive voice turns the object of the active verb into the subject of the passive verb.

Example: **The tree was decorated by the children.** **The presents were delivered by Santa.**

Subject **verb** **agent** **Subject** **verb** **agent**

Put the number of the active sentences in an ornament on the left tree, passive sentences on the right.

1. Carolers sing Christmas carols for appreciative neighbors.

2. Children hang up stockings on the fireplace for small gifts.

3. Families put up their Christmas tree and decorate it with ornaments

4. Hopeful boys and girls put out cookies, milk, and carrots for Santa and his reindeer.

5. Many people bake traditional cookies and Christmas cakes for their family and friends.

7. Santa will deliver the Christmas presents on Christmas Eve.

9. The city is decorating the streets and store fronts festively for Christmas.

15. Stockings for small gifts are hung on the fireplace.

19. A Christmas tree is put up and decorated with colorful, dazzling ornaments.



6. Caring people mail Christmas cards to their beloved family and friends to show they care.

8. Santa's elves at the North Pole make toys for Santa to give to children on Christmas Eve.

10. The families also decorate their houses, hanging lights on the outside and decorations on the inside.

11. They prepare special dishes made from turkey, ham or fish depending on their ethnic background.

22. Traditional and contemporary Christmas carols are sung door to door for the appreciative neighbors by cheerful carolers.

12. The toys that Santa gives to children on Christmas Eve are made by his elves at the North Pole.

13. Traditional cookies and cakes are baked for family and friends.

14. Cookies, milk and carrots are put out as a special treat for Santa and his reindeer to enjoy.

16. The Christmas presents will be delivered by Santa on Christmas Eve.

17. The streets and store fronts are being festively decorated for Christmas.

18. Lights are hung on the outside of family houses and Christmas decorations are hung up inside.

20. Special dishes made from turkey, ham, or fish depending on the family's ethnic background.

21. Thoughtful Christmas cards are mailed to beloved family and friends to show them they are thought of and cared about.

Match the active sentences in column 1 with their passive counterparts in column 2.

Active Voice

1. Carolers sing Christmas carols for their neighbors.
2. Children hang up stockings on the fireplace for small gifts.
3. Families also put up a Christmas tree and decorate it with ornaments.
4. Hopeful Boys and girls put out cookies, milk, and carrots for Santa and his reindeer.
5. Many people bake traditional cookies and Christmas cakes for their family and friends.
6. Caring people mail Christmas cards to their family and friends.
7. Santa will deliver the Christmas presents on Christmas Eve.
8. Santa's elves at the North Pole make toys for Santa to give to children on Christmas Eve.
9. The city is decorating the streets and store fronts festively for Christmas.
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Passive Voice

12. The toys that Santa gives to children on Christmas Eve are made by his elves at the North Pole.
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16. The Christmas presents will be delivered by Santa on Christmas Eve.
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19. A Christmas tree is put up and decorated with colorful, dazzling ornaments.
20. Special dishes made from turkey, ham, or fish depending on the family's ethnic background are prepared.
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Read these writeups. Underline the subjects and circle the object ts in the 1st. Circle the agents in the 2nd.

They dimmed the lights. The audience anxiously anticipated an entertaining evening of music and a light show. The band began playing strains of an aria. Spectacular light and fireworks filled the sky. They delivered volley after volley of bursts of light. Everyone had a wonderful time.

The lights were dimmed. An entertaining evening of music and a light show was anxiously anticipated by all. Strains of an aria were being played. The sky was filled with a spectacular display of light and fireworks. Volley after volley of light bursts were delivered. A wonderful time was had by all.

Then put this paragraph into the active voice.

Do They Know It's Christmas was written by Bob Geldof and Midge Ure in 1984 to raise money for relief of the 1984-1985 famine in Ethiopia. The original version was produced by Midge Ure and released by Band Aid on 29 November 1984. In late 1984 a report by Michael Burek was aired highlighting the famine that had hit the people of Ethiopia. The report was seen by Irish singer Bob Geldof, who wanted to raise money to help. An invitation was sent to Midge and the song was quickly co-written by Midge and him. The group, Band Aid was assembled by Geldof consisting of leading Irish and British singers of the era. The album was cut and more records were sold than any before. All records were broken. Over a million copies were sold in the first week alone. The recording was attended by the world's media, and heavily advertized. Millions of dollars were made available to the

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