

Name _____

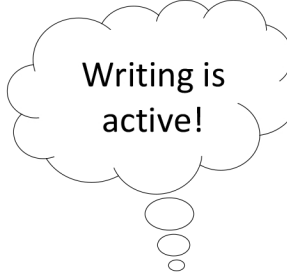
Sentences in active and passive voice both contain action verbs, but they differ in how the action relates to the subject. In active voice, the subject performs the action. In passive voice the subject receives the action.

ACTIVE VOICE: We watched television all night.

PASSIVE VOICE: The television was watched by us all night.

For each sentence below, write A on the line if the sentence is in **active** voice, or P if it is in **passive** voice.

- _____ 1. The entire paella was eaten by us.
- _____ 2. When Kevin returned from school he ate chocolate chip cookies.
- _____ 3. *The Beatles* were my mother's favorite band when she was a teenager.
- _____ 4. Kim always wears rings.
- _____ 5. I enjoy long nature walks.



Writing is
active!

Now take each sentence below and rewrite it in active voice.

- 6. The dogs were scolded by their trainer.
- 7. The craft was designed by our teacher.
- 8. The work was completed by a competent contractor.
- 9. Our party was held at a place north of the Mason Dixon Line.
- 10. I was intimidated by a big moose.
- 11. That blackberry cobbler was made by my mother.

ANSWERS

1. P
2. A
3. P
4. A
5. A
6. The trainer scolded the dogs.
7. Our teacher designed the craft.
8. A competent contractor completed the work.
9. We held our party at a place north of the Mason Dixon line.
10. A big moose intimidated me.
11. My mother made that blackberry cobbler.