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We have started a #LIFEworkbalance campaign and we need your help to complete our LIFE/work balance survey.

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Year 6 – Spring Block 2 – Active and Passive – Recognising the Passive Verb

About This Resource:

This PowerPoint has been designed to support your teaching of this small step. It includes a starter activity and an example of each question from the Varied Fluency and Application and Reasoning resources also provided in this pack. You can choose to work through all examples provided or a selection of them depending on the needs of your class.

National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 6: (6G4.4) [Using passive verbs to affect the presentation of information in a sentence](#)

English Year 6: (6G4.4) [Use of the passive to affect the presentation of information in a sentence \[for example, I broke the window in the greenhouse versus The window in the greenhouse was broken \(by me\)\]](#)

Terminology for pupils:

- English Year 6: (6G4.4) [active](#)
- English Year 6: (6G4.4) [passive](#)

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Notes and Guidance

- From prior learning (and the previous step if used), children should be familiar with identifying verbs within sentences.
- The main focus of this step is to recognise the *passive form* of an active verb in a sentence. A 'active' verb follows the usual pattern of subject, verb, object.
- The *passive form* is used to change the presentation of a sentence. The person, place or thing that would normally be the object of the active sentence becomes the subject with the use of the past participle of the verb and an auxiliary verb. For example: the active sentence '*I drank your juice earlier.*' changes to the passive sentence '*The juice was drunk earlier (by me).*' The object 'juice' becomes the subject; 'drank' becomes the past participle 'drunk'; the auxiliary verb 'was' is added before the past participle. In this example, the subject 'I' is omitted because it is not needed as an object in the second sentence.

Focused Questions

- Of these sentences, which verb is written in the passive voice?
- Which is the passive verb? How do you know?

Step 2: Recognising the Passive Verb

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Passive

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Varied Fluency 4

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Sinead is not correct because 'was' must also be underlined as part of the passive verb, as both the auxiliary verb and the past participle are needed to form a passive verb.

Application 1

Match the parts of the sentences together.

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