

Active and Passive Voice

(1) Write whether each sentence is active (A) or passive (P).

- a. The stones were thrown by Summer. P
- b. A protest was held by the villagers. P
- c. The mice scared the elephants. A
- d. The old castle is haunted by ghosts. P
- e. The cat pounced on the cat. A

(2) Read this sentence: **The superheroes saved the city from the raging fire.**

- a. Who is doing the action? **The superheroes**
- b. Complete the passive form of this sentence.

The city from the raging fire by the superheroes.
was being saved

(3) These are written in active voice. Rewrite these sentences as passive sentences.

My sister spilt the custard. **The custard was spilt by my sister.**

The astronauts discovered a new planet.

A new planet was discovered by the astronauts.

The zoo-keeper released the tiger.

The tiger was released by the zoo-keeper.

Sam baked a large, birthday cake.

A large, birthday cake was baked by Sam.

(4) These are written in passive voice. Rewrite these sentences as active sentences.

The football was kicked by Luke. **Luke kicked the football.**

The gun was left in the cupboard by the thief.
in the cupboard.

The thief left the gun

The milk had been knocked over by the cat.
the milk.

The cat knocked over

The car had been driven into a wall by a naughty child.

A naughty child drove the car into a wall.