



TOPIC: Active vs. Passive Voice  
(Because we all want to be heard.)

# Active vs Passive



In a sentence using **active voice**, the subject of the sentence performs the action expressed in the verb.

The dog bit the boy.

Scientists have conducted experiments on the hypothesis.

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In a sentence using **passive voice**, the subject is acted upon; he or she receives the action expressed by the verb. The agent performing the action may appear in a "by the..." phrase or may not be mentioned at all.

The boy was bit by the dog.

Experiments on the hypothesis have been conducted by scientists.

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For standardized tests like EOC/STAAR, ACT, and SAT, active voice is preferred.

Why? It is usually more concise and straightforward.

In the real world, however, there are reasons to be passive, usually as an attempt to pass blame or shift the focus of an argument.

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Active or Passive?

The book is being read by most of the class.



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The presiding officer vetoed the committee's recommendation.

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Active or Passive?

Mistakes were made.



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Scientists have discovered traces of ice on the surface of Mars.







Here's a video to show how this issue affects scientists in the real world.

