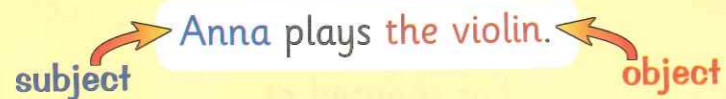


# Passive and Active Voice



In **active** sentences, the **subject** of the sentence **does something** to the object.



In **passive** sentences, something is **done to** the subject.



1 In the boxes write 'A' for the **active** sentences and 'P' for the **passive** ones.

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| The Queen wears a crown. <input type="checkbox"/>         | Nick was pushed by Cameron. <input type="checkbox"/>     |
| The cleaner scrubbed the floor. <input type="checkbox"/>  | The chicken crossed the road. <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| The room was tidied by Tim. <input type="checkbox"/>      | The leaf was blown in the wind. <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The balloon was filled with air. <input type="checkbox"/> | Amy wore a red dress. <input type="checkbox"/>           |
| Martha tried to catch it. <input type="checkbox"/>        | The speech was made by Tony. <input type="checkbox"/>    |
| Brian bought a new hat. <input type="checkbox"/>          | My dad was awarded a medal. <input type="checkbox"/>     |

2 Unscramble the words in each box to write a **passive sentence**.

David letter by the signed was

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men the delivered was the by sofa

.....

Antonio with was a hit pillow

.....

3 Rewrite each sentence, changing it from **active** to **passive**.

- Katie heard the bell.  
 ..The bell was heard by Katie.....
- Auntie Pam hugged Eleanor.  
 .....
- Paul found Fiona in the garden.  
 .....
- Lizzie picked up Ruby and Olivia.  
 .....
- The postman shouted at the dog.  
 .....

4 **Underline** all of the **passive** sentences in this passage.

The first match was won by Lonsdale Lions. However, Tappleby Tigers then signed the Lions' star player. The Lions were defeated by the Tigers in the second game. The Tigers won the trophy and celebrated with a big party. During the party, the trophy was stolen by a magpie. Thankfully, the police caught the magpie. The trophy was returned to the Tigers by PC Harley.

Now **rewrite** the **passive** sentences as **active** sentences.

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## Semi-Colons

**Semi-colons** can separate **long phrases or clauses** in a list. This is usually when there are **other punctuation** marks in the items.

At the vets I saw three tiny, ginger cats; two dogs, both with broken legs; and a long-haired rabbit.  Unlike with commas, you need a **semi-colon** before the last item.

**Semi-colons** can also **join two clauses** in a **sentence** instead of a conjunction. They both have to be **main clauses**, **equally important** and **about the same thing**.

Jake hated the film; Helena thought it was brilliant.

1 **Write out the pairs** of main clauses with a **semi-colon** and a full stop.

I got a new bike

my brother got a car

My dad is English

my mum is German

I love ballet

my cousin loves tap

2 **Tick the sentences** where a **semi-colon** could be used **instead** of the **conjunction**.

Find a place to hide or you'll be in trouble.

The robber grabbed his bag and ran away.

I was absolutely starving so ate the lot.

I couldn't believe it but I had come last.

3 **Add the missing semi-colons** to these lists.

Jonas had Geography, where they were taking samples in the field History, his favourite by far and then English with Mr Jeffries.

The trapeze artists flew through the air, effortlessly and skilfully the magicians, my favourite, made all sorts of things vanish and the three fire-breathers were truly breathtaking!

The flight was late, delayed by three hours the seats were uncomfortable, especially mine and the in-flight food was horrid.

Ice skating is difficult: it hurts when you fall over, which happens a lot you have to be careful with the blades on your boots and you have to avoid others on the ice, which can be tricky!

4 **Finish the sentence** using the words in boxes and **semi-colons**.

then she spread the mixture into a baking tin

first she mixed all the ingredients together

then she baked it for twenty minutes.

Gemma baked a cake: .....

"I can break up lists and sentences with semi-colons."

