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**ACTIVE VS PASSIVE VOICE**

**Active voice** means that a sentence has a subject that acts upon its verb (performs action). **Passive voice** means that a subject is a recipient of a verb's action (receives action).

ACTIVE:

* Emphasis on the person/agent who acts

(The ‘***WHO’***)

* more straightforward
* less formal

PASSIVE (be+past participle):

#### Emphasis on the recipient of the action or sometimes the action itself. (The ‘*WHAT*’)

#### more formal (e.g. used in scientific articles, researches etc.)

* Converting active into passive

**STEPS:**

1. Identify the subject, the verb and the object
2. Remember the structure:

Joe writes a letter. (active)

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A letter is written by Joe. (passive)

1. Keep the verb tense the same

Mo spilt the tea. -> The tea was spilt by Mo. (Simple Past)

Sam has put out the fire. -> The fire has been put out by Sam. (Present Perfect)