



Active & Passive Voice: Notes

What is active and passive voice?

- The voice or **way a sentence is narrated**
- **Active Voice:** sentence has a **subject that acts upon its verb**
- **Passive Voice:** **subject is the recipient** of a verb's action

How to identify active and passive voice?

- Look at the sentence and **identify the subject, verb, and object**
- **If the subject does the action of the verb on the object**, then it is active
- **If the subject receives the action of the verb**, then it is passive
 - Example: **The girl ate the cake.**
 - Subject: girl
 - Verb: ate
 - Object: cake
 - The girl is eating
 - The subject is doing the verb
 - **This sentence is active.**
 - Example: **The question was answered by the student.**
 - Subject: question
 - Verb: answered
 - Object: student
 - The is being answered
 - The action of the verb is done to the subject
 - **This sentence is passive.**
- Common Structure of **Active Voice**
 - **Subject does Verb to Object.**
- Common Structure of **Passive Voice**
 - **Subject is being done to by the Verb from the Object.**