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Active vs Passive Voice



Determine whether each sentence is written in the active or passive voice. Below each statement, write either "active" or "passive."

- 1) The car was bought by my brother.
- 2) The baby wakes me up at 4 am every morning.
- 3) The bone was eaten by the dog.
- 4) My brother played Among Us for six hours yesterday.
- 5) The palm tree was struck by lightning.
- 6) I bought my teacher a PlayStation 5.
- 7) I dance with friends every Friday night.
- 8) The piano was played by Mike.
- 9) I ran a marathon last week.
- 10) The car was driven by my sister.

Answers

1. The car was bought by my brother. → Passive

- The subject (the car) is receiving the action (was bought), and the doer (my brother) comes after the verb.

2. The baby wakes me up at 4 am every morning. → Active

- The subject (the baby) is performing the action (wakes), and the object (me) receives it.

3. The bone was eaten by the dog. → Passive

- The subject (the bone) is receiving the action (was eaten), while the doer (the dog) comes after the verb.

4. My brother played Among Us for six hours yesterday. → Active

- The subject (my brother) is performing the action (played), and the object (Among Us) receives it.

5. The palm tree was struck by lightning. → Passive

- The subject (the palm tree) is receiving the action (was struck), and the doer (lightning) comes after the verb.

6. I bought my teacher a PlayStation 5. → Active

- The subject (I) is performing the action (bought), and the object (my teacher / a PlayStation 5) receives it.

7. I dance with friends every Friday night. → Active

- The subject (I) is performing the action (dance), and the object (with friends) receives it.

8. The piano was played by Mike. → Passive

- The subject (the piano) is receiving the action (was played), and the doer (Mike) comes after the verb.

9. I ran a marathon last week. → Active

- The subject (I) is performing the action (ran), and the object (a marathon) receives it.

10. The car was driven by my sister. → Passive

- The subject (the car) is receiving the action (was driven), and the doer (my sister) comes after the verb.