

ACTIVE AND PASSIVE VOICE

OBJECTIVES

- ⦿ Define what voices of verb are.
- ⦿ Differentiate active voice from passive voice.
- ⦿ Convert an active voice sentence to passive voice sentence.
- ⦿ Convert a passive voice sentence to an active voice sentence.

WHAT ARE VOICES OF VERB?

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In traditional grammar, ***voices of verb*** is defined as the quality of verb that indicates whether its subject acts or is acted upon.

It has two types: the ***active voice*** and the ***passive voice***.

**WHAT IS AN ACTIVE
VOICE?**

THE ACTIVE VOICE

The **active voice** is the "normal" voice. This is the voice that we use most of the time.

In the active voice, **the object** receives **the action** of the verb:

Marilyn mailed the letter.

ACTIVE	SUBJECT	VERB	OBJECT
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	Marilyn	mailed	the letter.

EXAMPLES:

The dog jumped onto the boy.

The dog (subject) is doing the jumping (verb) onto the boy (object).

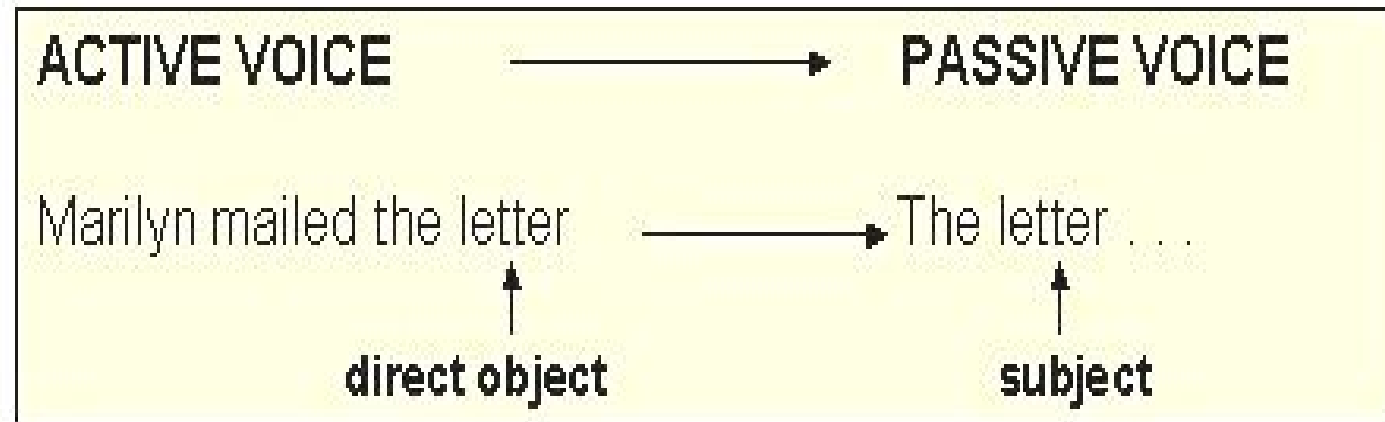
Kristy will give a book report to the class.

Kristy (subject) is doing the giving (verb) to the class (object).

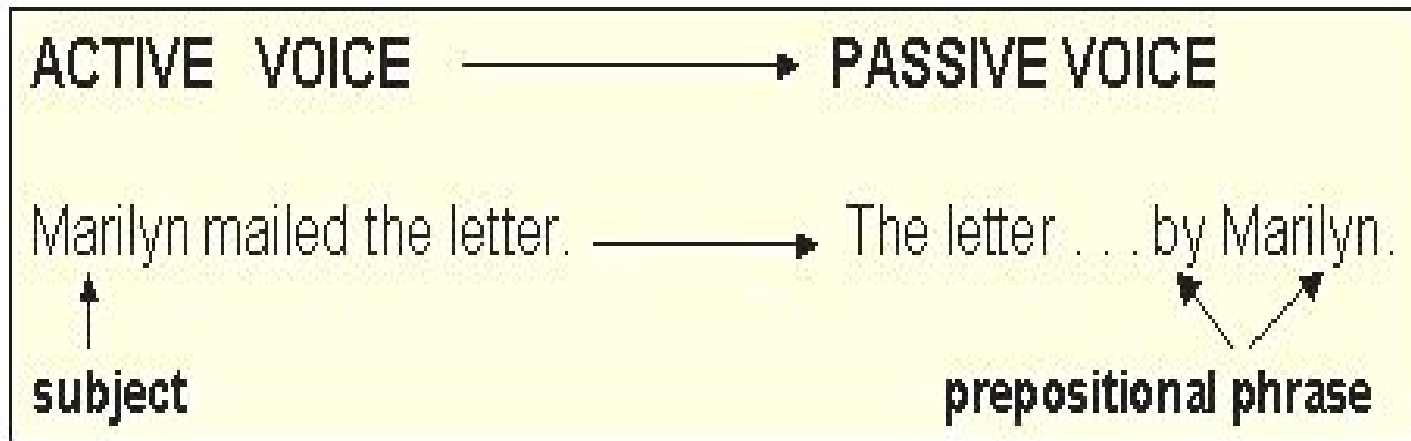
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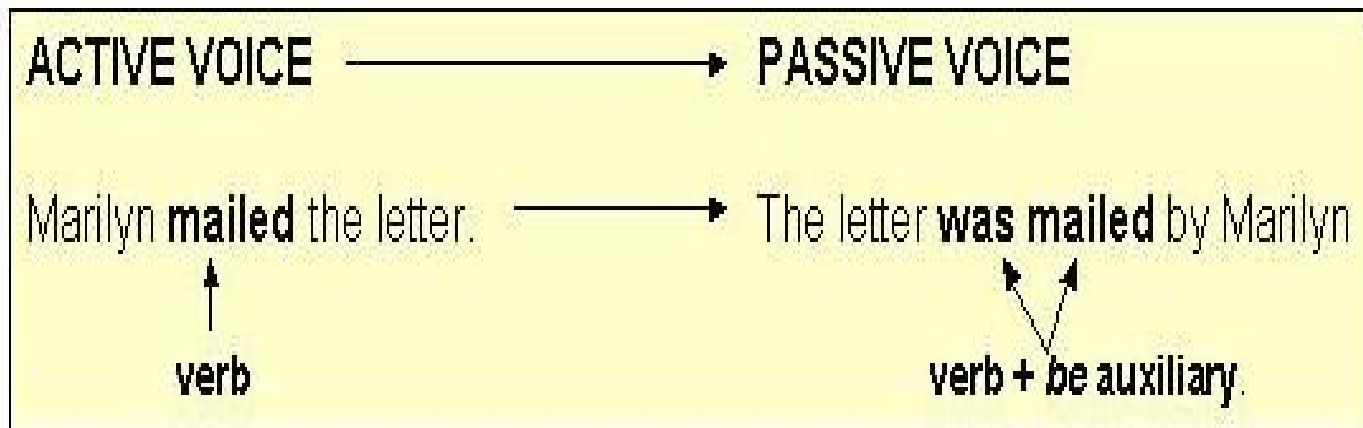
1. Move the active sentence's direct object into the sentence's subject slot.



2. Place the active sentence's subject into a phrase beginning with the preposition *by*.



3. Add a form of the auxiliary verb *be* to the main verb and change the main verb's form.



WHAT IS A PASSIVE VOICE?

THE PASSIVE VOICE

The ***passive voice*** is less usual.

In the passive voice, ***the subject*** receives ***the action*** of the verb.

We use the passive voice when we want to make *the active object* more important.

The letter was mailed by Marilyn.

PASSIVE	SUBJECT VERB OBJECT		
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	The letter	was mailed	by Marilyn.

EXAMPLES

The boy was jumped on by the dog.

*Boy (subject) was being jumped on (verb)
by the dog (object).*

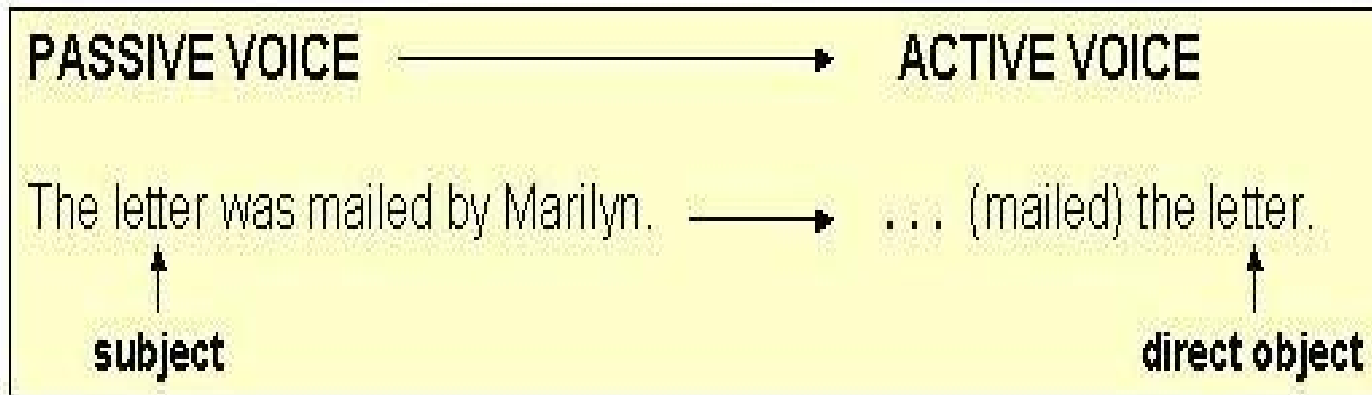
A book report will be given by Kristy to the class.

*Report (subject) will be given (verb) by
Kristy (object).*

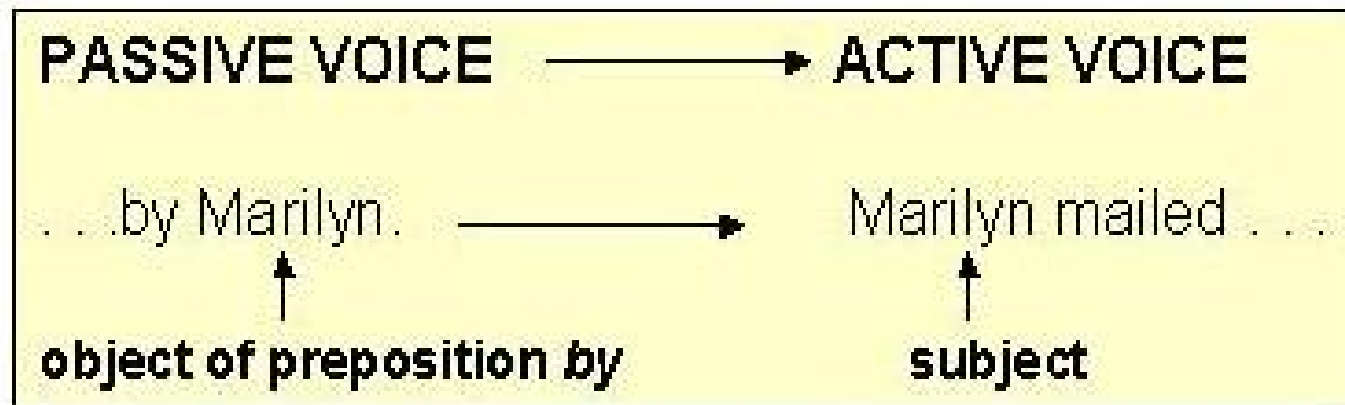
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1. Move the passive sentence's subject into the active sentence's direct object slot.



3. Place the passive sentence's object of the preposition **by** into the subject slot.



infinitive		to be washed
simple	present	It is washed.
	past	It was washed.
	future	It will be washed.
	conditional	It would be washed.
continuous	present	It is being washed.
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	future	It will be being washed.
	conditional	It would be being washed.
perfect simple	present	It has been washed.
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perfect continuous	present	It has been being washed.
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