

## JULIUS CAESAR : ACT 1 YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6 GRAMMAR EXERCISE PASSIVE VERBS

You use **passive verbs** to affect the presentation of information in a sentence: when the **subject** of a sentence isn't doing something, the **verb** is passive.

**Subject** → **Person or thing that does the action**

**Object** → **Person or things that the action is done to**

**Verb** → **An action, or state of being**

When the **subject** of the sentence is performing the action a sentence is written in **active** voice.

When the subject of a sentence has something done to it by someone or something the sentence is written in the **passive** voice.

For example;

**Caesar** **asked** **Brutus** who the strange man ~~was.~~ → **ACTIVE**  
(subject) (verb) (object)

**Brutus** ~~was~~ **asked** by **Caesar** who the strange man ~~was.~~ → **PASSIVE**  
(object) (verb). (subject)

Useful video:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zwwp8mn/articles/zsx2b82>

**EXERCISE 1. READ EACH SENTENCE.**

**WRITE NEXT TO IT WHETHER IT IS PASSIVE OR ACTIVE**

1. The soldiers moved on quickly and the festival started again

2. Quickly the soldiers moved on and the festival started again.

3. The crowds cheered as Caesar walked through the street.

4. As Caesar walked through the streets, the crowds cheered.

5. Caesar was loved by many Romans.

6. Many Romans loved Caesar.

7. Cassius said Caesar could not be trusted.

8. Caesar could not be trusted said Cassius.

9. Brutus watched Caesar disappear into the distance.

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11. Caesar dismissed the soothsayer.

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**ANSWERS**

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