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# PASSIVE VERBS

**Verbs** are words that show actions, motions, doing or states of being. They can also demonstrate how someone feels. A sentence cannot work without a verb.

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**Useful video:**

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

Person or thing  
that does the  
action

**Subject**

**Object**  
Person or  
thing that  
the action is  
done to

An action,  
or state of  
being

**Verb**

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.

**Leontes asked Polixenes to stay longer.**

(subject)      (verb)      (object)

ACTIVE

**Polixenes was asked by Leontes to stay longer.**

(object)      (verb)      (subject)

PASSIVE

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**Instructions:** Read each sentence. Write next to it whether it is Passive or Active

1. Leontes and Polixenes spoke loudly and excitedly.

2. Loudly and excitedly Leontes and Polixenes spoke.

3. Leontes grew suspicious as Polixenes and Hermione danced.

4. As Polixenes and Hermione danced Leontes grew suspicious

5. Hermione was loved by Leontes.

6. Leontes loved Hermione.

7. Leontes said Polixenes and Hermione could not be trusted.

8. Polixenes and Hermione could not be trusted said Leontes.

9. Leontes watched Mamillius disappear into the party.

10. Mamillius disappeared into the party as Leontes watched.

11. Leontes dismissed Camillo.

12. Camillo was dismissed by Leontes.