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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.

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.

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)

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

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| 1. Leontes and Polixenes spoke loudly and excitedly. | <input type="text"/> |
| 2. Loudly and excitedly Leontes and Polixenes spoke. | <input type="text"/> |
| 3. Leontes grew suspicious as Polixenes and Hermione danced. | <input type="text"/> |
| 4. As Polixenes and Hermione danced Leontes grew suspicious | <input type="text"/> |
| 5. Hermione was loved by Leontes. | <input type="text"/> |
| 6. Leontes loved Hermione. | <input type="text"/> |
| 7. Leontes said Polixenes and Hermione could not be trusted. | <input type="text"/> |
| 8. Polixenes and Hermione could not be trusted said Leontes. | <input type="text"/> |
| 9. Leontes watched Mamillius disappear into the party. | <input type="text"/> |
| 10. Mamillius disappeared into the party as Leontes watched. | <input type="text"/> |
| 11. Leontes dismissed Camillo. | <input type="text"/> |
| 12. Camillo was dismissed by Leontes. | <input type="text"/> |