

Year 5 and 6 children learn about the active and passive voice as part of their work on English grammar. They will be shown how to use it in their writing as a way of varying sentence structure. When the **subject** of a sentence isn't doing something the verb is passive.

The rabbit was being chased by the fox-PASSIVE
The fox was chasing the rabbit- ACTIVE

You can visit the BBC Bitesize website for a short video tutorial
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zwwp8mn/articles/zsx2b82>

Is the sentence passive or active?

Prospero cast a magic spell.	PASSIVE	ACTIVE
A magic spell was cast.	PASSIVE	ACTIVE
The library shook with wonder.	PASSIVE	ACTIVE
Magic sparks flew across the library.	PASSIVE	ACTIVE
A magic spell was cast by Prospero.	PASSIVE	ACTIVE
Magic took place.	PASSIVE	ACTIVE
Prospero made a potion.	PASSIVE	ACTIVE
The potion bubbled.	PASSIVE	ACTIVE
The book was opened by Prospero.	PASSIVE	ACTIVE

