

**LO: passive and active voice**  
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# ACTIVE VOICE and PASSIVE VOICE

The **active voice** of a verb tells us that someone (or something) does the action in a sentence.

James watered the flowers.



The **passive voice** of a verb tells us that someone (or something) has an action done to them.

The flowers were watered by James.

Sarah finished the homework.



The homework was finished by Sarah.

The puppy chewed the shoe.



The shoe was chewed by the puppy.



Can you change this sentence so the verb is in the passive voice?

The horse ate the carrot.

Can you change this sentence so the verb is in the active voice?

The book was written by Sam.

# Active

- When the subject of the sentence is doing something the verb is active.
- E.g. The man wore a grey hat.
- Subject – **man** verb – **wore** object – **hat**



# Passive

- When the object of the sentence is having something done to it, the verb is passive.
- The grey hat was worn by the man.
- Object – **hat** verb – **worn** subject – **man**



# Active or Passive?

- Which is this?
- The girl fed the horse.
- It is an active verb.



# Active or Passive?

- Which is this?
- The pencil was held by the caterpillar.
- It is passive verb.



# Change this sentence to the active verb

- The ball was balanced on the seal's nose.



- The seal balanced the ball on his nose.

**Can you fill in the blank boxes by changing the sentences so that the verb is in the active or passive voice?**

The dog bit the girl.	The girl was bitten by the dog.
The wind blew out the candle.	
Peter bought some sweets.	
	The car was driven by Steve.
	The keys were stolen by the thief.
Granny knitted my jumper.	
	This song was sung by One Direction.
England beat Australia!	
The builders will finish the wall tomorrow.	
	Kate was hu



**5 minute  
warm-up task!**



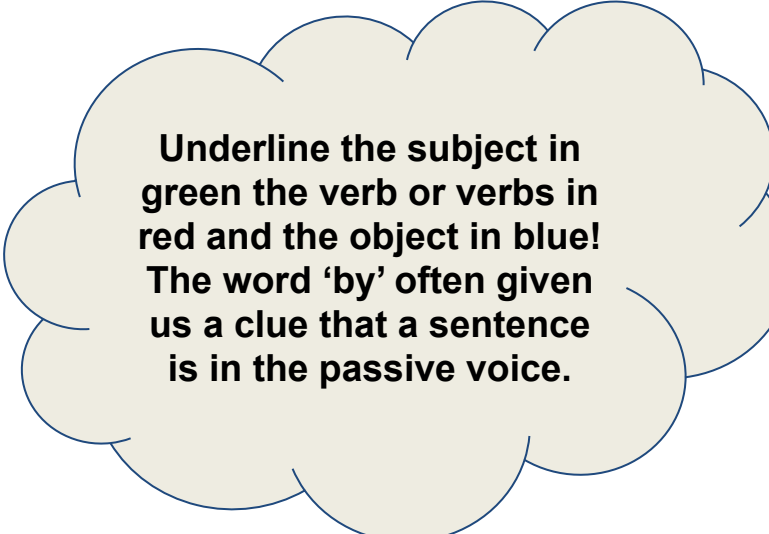
Can you create some simple sentences of your own about our class novel, and write them in both the passive and active voice?

**Jacob Marley** **shook** his **chains**.

The **chains** *were shaken* **by Jacob Marley**.

**Scrooge** **saw** a **phantom**.

A **phantom** *was seen by* **Scrooge**.



Underline the subject in green the verb or verbs in red and the object in blue! The word 'by' often gives us a clue that a sentence is in the passive voice.