

ACTIVE VOICE RULES!

Directions:

1. Put the verb in its simplest form (no helping verbs).
2. Who or what is doing the action? What is the subject of the verb?
3. Who or what is the object of the verb? Who or what is receiving the action?
4. Put the subject at the beginning of the sentence, insert the verb and place the object (if there is one) after the verb. SUBJECT-VERB-OBJECT

A. Rearrange the sentences so the verbs are in active voice.

1. The paper was unfairly graded.
2. Because of her attitude toward marriage, Beatrice's opinion is heard and taken into account by the audience.
3. His use of the passive was so spineless that his attempts to find a date were always rebuffed.
4. If money is spent on the congressmen, then a health reform bill will never be passed.
5. The argument that the passive voice should be allowed is usually made by people who haven't been taught to recognize it.
6. Mistakes were made.
7. It was admitted by the senatorial candidate that lies were told to Congress.
8. Eighteen and a half minutes were erased from the tape.
9. Let liberty be received by me or let death be received by me.
10. Today a break is deserved by people like you.
11. The sheriff was shot.
12. It is desired that your hand be held by me.
13. Satisfaction can't be gotten.
14. A little tenderness ought to be tried.
15. You can't be compared to anything.
16. Let it be given away.
17. Who are your wild horses going to be driven by?
18. Death is only achieved at an early age by the good.
19. Let me be taken to the river.
20. What is wanted by you can't always be gotten.
21. Rain was falling outside.
22. On the sidewalk sitting Indian style was Mindy.
23. The TV was turned on by me so I could keep myself entertained with "Melrose Place."
24. Looking at the five foot eight inch perfect figure made him fall in love with her all over again.
25. The beads of sweat on his forehead were glistening in the early morning rays of sunlight.
26. On the top of the counter there were clusters of broken glass which were the remnants of beer mugs and wine glasses.
27. In the water there were a variety of fish swimming in endless circles.