



# Passive Voice

It is generally considered best to use active voice in your writing. However, there are some situations in which you may want to use passive voice. For example:

- when the agent performing the action is obvious, unimportant, or unknown,
- when you want to postpone mentioning the agent until the last part of the sentence, or
- if you don't want to mention the agent at all.

If none of these situations apply, write in active voice.

1. Read the assigned text. Identify a passage in the text that uses active voice. Quote the passage.

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2. Which reason above applies to this passage? How do you know?

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