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| **Lesson Title:** Active and Passive Voice | | **Theme:** Grammar | |
| **Practice Activity:** PHL-09-119 | | **Class:** JSS 3 | |
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| **Learning Outcomes**  By the end of the lesson, you will be able to demonstrate understanding of the active and passive voice by changing sentences from active to passive voice. | | | |

**Overview**

**Active voice** refers to a sentence or phrase in which the subject is doing the action. For example, ‘John threw the ball.’ John is the subject. He is the person who threw the ball.

In **passive voice**, the action happens to the subject. Often, the subject is unknown. For example: ‘The ball was thrown.’ In this sentence, we don’t know who threw the ball. Sometimes in passive voice, the person who does the action is placed at the end: ‘The ball was thrown by John.’

Active voice is stronger than passive voice. But passive voice can be useful, especially if you don’t know who did the action – or if the person was unimportant.

There are four steps for changing active voice to passive voice:

* Ask the question, ‘What did the subject do?’
* Use the past participle of that verb with the appropriate tense of the verb ‘to be’.
* Put the preposition ‘by’ in front of the noun or subject. Move the subject to the end.
* Move the object to the beginning.

Look at how the steps work with the sentence ‘My mother prepares supper.’

* The subject ‘supper’.
* ‘is prepared’
* ‘by my mother’
* ‘Supper is prepared by my mother.’

**Practice**

**Activity 1**

Identify what the subject is doing in each sentence.

1. Iye washes the dishes every day.
2. My mother planted vegetables in the garden.
3. The girls bought cold soda from the store.
4. Mary helped Dawa this afternoon.
5. I will clean the bathroom.

**Activity 2**

Change the following statements from active to passive voice.

1. Iye washes the dishes every day.
2. My mother planted vegetables in the garden.
3. The pupils are drinking cold soda from the store.
4. Mary is helping Dawa.
5. I was cleaning the bathroom.
6. My sister was drying the plate when it broke.
7. The villagers caught several fish.
8. The debate club discovered their meeting was cancelled.
9. You ate all of the fruits.
10. I kept my promise.

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**Activity 1**

1. washes 2. planted 3. bought 4. helped 5. will clean

**Activity 2**

1. The dishes were washed every day by Iye.
2. The vegetables were planted in the garden by my mother.
3. Cold soda from the store was drunk by the pupils.
4. Dawa was being helped by Mary.
5. The bathroom was cleaned by me.
6. The plate was being dried by my sister when it broke.
7. Several fish were caught by the villagers.
8. It was discovered by the debate club that their meeting was cancelled.
9. All of the fruits were eaten by you.
10. The promise was kept by me.