ACTIVE VOICE

Sentences in Active and Passive Voice

Here are examples of sentences written in both the active voice and the passive voice, with the active voice sentence appearing first:

**Harry ate six shrimp at dinner.**

**PASSIVE VOICE**

**At dinner, six shrimp were eaten by Harry.**

**Beautiful giraffes roam the savannah.**

**PASSIVE VOICE**

**The savannah is roamed by beautiful giraffes.**

**Sue changed the flat tire.**

**PASSIVE VOICE**

**The flat tire was changed by Sue.**

**We are going to watch a movie tonight.**

**PASSIVE VOICE**

**A movie is going to be watched by us tonight.**

**I ran the obstacle course in record time.**

**PASSIVE VOICE**

**The obstacle course was run by me in record time.**

**Mom read the novel in one day.**

**PASSIVE VOICE**

**The novel was read by Mom in one day.**

**I will clean the house every Saturday.**

**PASSIVE VOICE**

**The house will be cleaned by me every Saturday.**

**Tom painted the entire house.**

**PASSIVE VOICE**

**The entire house was painted by Tom.**

**Tom will finish his project by tomorrow.**

**PASSIVE VOICE**

**His project will be finished by Tom tomorrow.**

**The cleaning crew vacuumed and swept the office every night.**

**PASSIVE VOICE**

**Every night the office is vacuumed and dusted by the cleaning crew.**

**Alex posted the video on Facebook.**

**PASSIVE VOICE**

**The video was posted on Facebook by Alex.**

**Larry generously donated money to the homeless shelter.**

**PASSIVE VOICE**

**Money was generously donated to the homeless shelter by Larry.**

**Mary is going to make a special dinner for her husband.**

**PASSIVE VOICE**

**A special dinner is going to be made by Mary for her husband.**

**Susan will bake two dozen cupcakes for the bake sale.**

**PASSIVE VOICE**

**For the bake sale, two dozen cupcakes will be baked by Susan.**

**The homeowners remodeled the house to help it sell.**

**PASSIVE VOICE**

**The house was remodeled by the homeowners to help it sell.**

**The kangaroo carried her baby in her pouch.**

**PASSIVE VOICE**

**The baby was carried by the kangaroo in her pouch.**

**Some people raise sugar cane in Hawaii.**

**PASSIVE VOICE**

**Sugar cane is raised by some people in Hawaii.**

**She faxed her application for a new job.**

**PASSIVE VOICE**

**The application for a new job was faxed by her.**

**The critic wrote a scathing review.**

**PASSIVE VOICE**

**A scathing review was written by the critic.**

**The teacher always answers the students’ questions.**

**PASSIVE VOICE**

**The students’ questions are always answered by the teacher.**

**The forest fire destroyed the whole suburb.**

**PASSIVE VOICE**

**The whole suburb was destroyed by the forest fire.**

**The staff is required to watch a safety video every year.**

**PASSIVE VOICE**

**A safety video will be watched by the staff every year.**

**The wedding planner is making all the reservations.**

**PASSIVE VOICE**

**All the reservations are being made by the wedding planner.**

**The director will give you instructions.**

**PASSIVE VOICE**

**Instructions will be given to you by the director.**

**Thousands of tourists view the Grand Canyon every year.**

**PASSIVE VOICE**

**The Grand Canyon is viewed by thousands of tourists every year.**

**The saltwater eventually corroded the metal beams.**

**PASSIVE VOICE**

**The metal beams were eventually corroded by the saltwater.**

**The team will celebrate their victory tomorrow.**

**PASSIVE VOICE**

**Their victory will be celebrated by the team tomorrow.**

**The salterwater eventually corroded the metal beams.**

**PASSIVE VOICE**

**The metal beams were eventually corroded by the saltwater.**

**The victory will be celebrated by the team tomorrow.**

**PASSIVE VOICE**

**Their victory will be celebrated by the team tomorrow.**

**The application for a new job was faxed by her.**

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**The application for a new job was faxed by her.**