

## Instructions

Two activities are included.

### Activity #1:

Print the cards on page 2 on cardstock. Laminate for repeated use. Cut the cards apart.

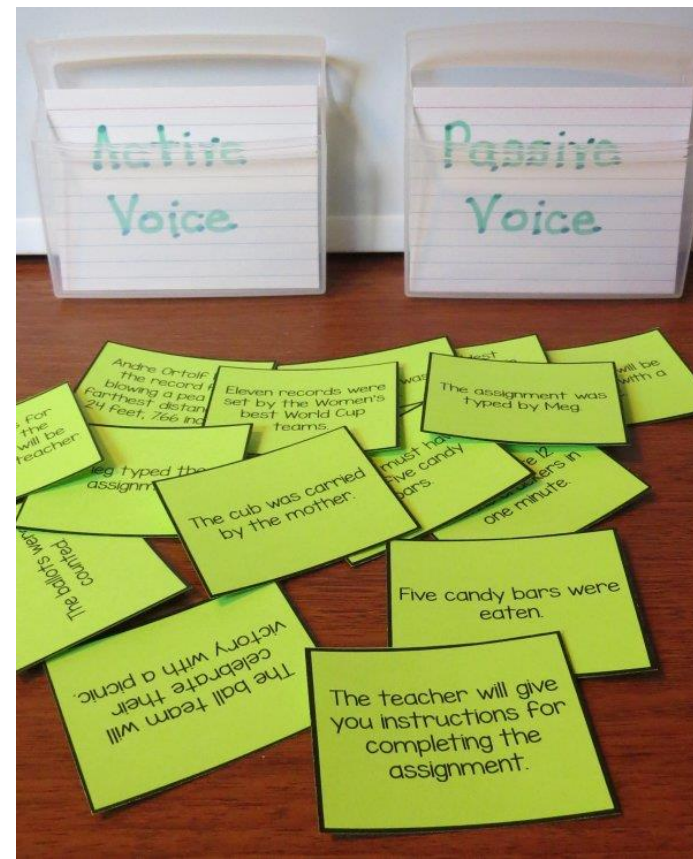
Students read the sentences on the cards. They then sort the cards into two piles depending on the voice the sentence is written: "Active" or "Passive" voice. Using two containers for the sorted piles will help many students remember which pile is which. Solo cups work well for this. This photo shows the plastic containers from Extra gum. Any containers you have on hand will work for this.

An answer key for this activity is found on page 3 of this resource.

### Activity #2

A handout and cards are provided for Activity #2. You can use one or the other or the two combined depending on how you wish to present the activity.

Students rewrite the sentences written in passive voice to turn them into active voice. An answer key is provided on page 5. Note that answers will vary on this activity.



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The ball team will celebrate their victory with a picnic.

The victory will be celebrated with a picnic.

Meg typed the assignment.

The assignment was typed by Meg.

The cub was carried by the mother.

The mother carried her cub.

The boy must have eaten five candy bars.

Five candy bars were eaten.

The letter was mailed.

The ballots were counted.

Eleven records were set by the Women's best World Cup teams.

The coldest temperature in Chicago in 34 years was recorded on the morning of January 30, 2019.

Rufus Z. ate 12 Saltine Crackers in one minute.

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## Activity #1 - Sort the cards into active and passive voice.

### Answer Key

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## Activity #2 - Change the passive voice to active voice.

Passive	Active
The test was failed by 2/3rds of the class.	
The brakes were slammed on as the bikers flew down the hill.	
Decisions for changing the rules is being considered by members of the committee.	
Bananas were eaten by the monkeys.	
The tub is filled with water.	
The fish was caught by the eagle.	
The castle was scorched by the fiery breath of the dragon.	
A new system of grading papers was set up.	
The house was built in 1958.	
The road is being repaired.	
All the cookies had been eaten.	
Mayonnaise is kept in the refrigerator.	
On April 19, 1775, guns were seized at Concord.	
The ball was kicked by Chester.	
My laptop was stolen by somebody.	
The windows have been cleaned.	

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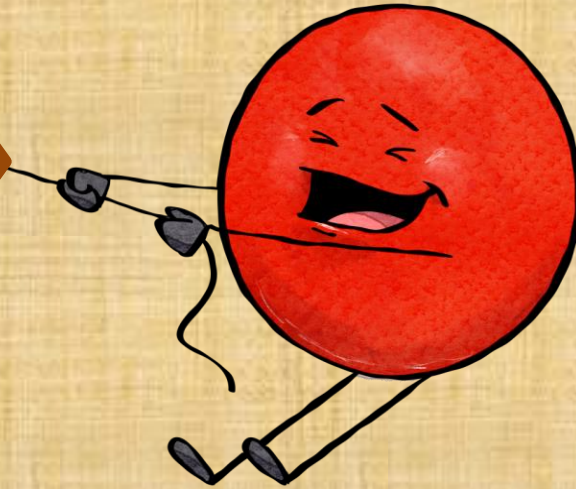
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Answer Key (Answers will vary.)

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The test was failed by 2/3rds of the class.	Two-thirds of the class failed the test.
The brakes were slammed on as the bikers flew down the hill.	The bikers slammed on their brakes as they flew down the hill.
Decisions for changing the rules is being considered by members of the committee.	Members of the committee discussed changing the rules.
Bananas were eaten by the monkeys.	The monkeys ate the bananas.
The tub is filled with water.	Water fills the tub.
The fish was caught by the eagle.	The eagle caught the fish.
The castle was scorched by the fiery breath of the dragon.	The fiery breath of the dragon scorched the castle.
A new system of grading papers was set up.	Someone set up a new system of grading papers.
The house was built in 1958.	Builders constructed the house in 1958.
The road is being repaired.	Workers are repairing the road.
All the cookies had been eaten.	Someone ate all the cookies.
Mayonnaise is kept in the refrigerator.	I keep mayonnaise in the refrigerator.
On April 19, 1775, guns were seized at Concord.	On April 19, 1775, soldiers seized the guns at Concord.
The ball was kicked by Chester.	Chester kicked the ball,
My laptop was stolen by somebody.	Someone stole my laptop.
The windows have been cleaned.	Workers cleaned the windows.

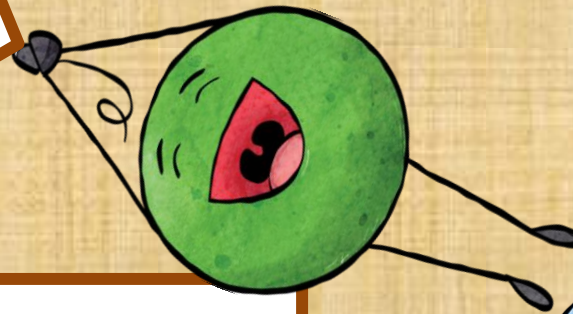
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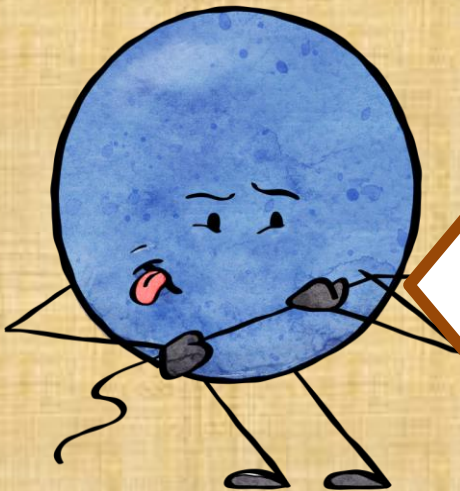
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