ACTIVE VS. PASSIVE VOICE

Master the Two Structures

Objectives (Students will learn how to):

- Identify whether a sentence is written in active or passive voice
- Change sentences with passive voice to active ones to improve readability

Part 1: Read through each of the following sentences and indicate whether they are written in active or passive voice by placing an A (Active) or P (Passive) after the period.

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1. I was interviewed by Lester Holt.
2. The movie was unfavorably reviewed by the audience.
3. The dog barked at the squirrel.
4. A horrible accident has been avoided by John's quick reflexes.
5. Members of the club elected the president.
6. Children all around the world play soccer.
7. Our presentation was graded by Professor Brown.
8. The city council member led the public forum.
9. My mom's advice was ignored by my brother.
10. A fan recognized the movie star out in public.

Part 2: Rewrite the passive sentences above as active ones.

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