

Active versus Passive

Match the words from the box to the blanks below.

am, are, by, is, object, subject, V1, V3
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Present Simple Tense

Active

Sentences in the active voice follow this pattern:

(Example: She writes a letter.)

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Passive

However, sentences in the passive tense will follow this pattern

(Example: A letter is written by her.)

Note: Verbs without an _____ cannot be put in the passive.

Example: He walks.

Not ~~It is walked by him.~~

Active versus Passive--Answers

Present Simple Tense

Active

Sentences in the active voice follow this pattern:

(Example: She writes a letter.)

Subject	V1	Object
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Passive

However, sentences in the passive tense will follow this pattern

(Example: A letter is written by her.)

Object	am	V3	by	Subject
	is			
	are			

Note: Verbs without an object cannot be put in the passive.

Example: He walks.

Not ~~It is walked by him.~~

