

Winter Active and Passive Voice

- The **subject** of a sentence is the person or thing that does an action.
- The **verb** is the action of the sentence. Every sentence needs a verb or a verb phrase.
- The **object** in a sentence is the person or thing that has the action of the verb done to it.



Julie made snow angels in the garden.

Julie is the subject of the sentence, the person who did the action.

In this sentence, the verb is 'made', that is what Julie (the subject) did.

The objects in this sentence are the snow angels; Julie is making them.

A verb can be in the active or the passive voice.

In a passive sentence, word order changes. We are told what is being done to something, instead of being informed what the subject of the sentence is actively doing.

In the passive voice, the person or thing that would normally be the object of a sentence is in the position of the subject.

Active voice: Julie made snow angels in the garden.

Passive voice: The snow angels in the garden were made by Julie.

Task 1

Change the following active sentences to passive.

1. My mum shovelled the snow from the path.

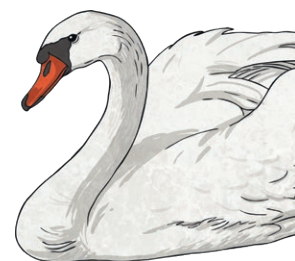
2. Patrick admired the delicate snowdrops in the garden.





3. My granny made the Christmas cake.

4. Whooper swans visit Northern Ireland in winter.



5. In Ireland, Neolithic people built Stone Age structures that were aligned to the position of the winter sun.

Task 2

Change the following passive sentences to active.

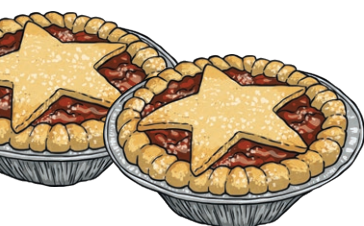
1. The ice was cracked by the man stepping on it.

2. The Christmas tree lights were hung by the children.

3. The ice was scraped from the windshield by my uncle.



4. The mince pies for the party were made by my mum and dad.



5. The Christmas carol was sung beautifully by Sophie.

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Answers

Task 1:

Change the following active sentences to passive.

1. My mum shovelled the snow from the path.
The snow was shovelled from the path by my mum.
2. Patrick admired the delicate snowdrops in the garden.
The delicate snowdrops in the garden were admired by Patrick.
3. My granny made the Christmas cake.
The Christmas cake was made by my granny.
4. Whooper swans visit Northern Ireland in winter.
Northern Ireland is visited by whooper swans in winter.
5. In Ireland, Neolithic people built Stone Age structures that were aligned to the position of the winter sun.
In Ireland, Stone Age structures that were aligned to the position of the winter sun were built by Neolithic people.

Task 2:

Change the following passive sentences to active.

1. The ice was cracked by the man stepping on it.
The man cracked the ice by stepping on it.
2. The Christmas tree lights were hung by the children.
The children hung the Christmas tree lights.
3. The ice was scraped from the windshield by my uncle.
My uncle scraped the ice from his windshield.
4. The mince pies for the party were made by my mum and dad.
My mum and dad made mince pies for the party.
5. The Christmas carol was sung beautifully by Sophie.
Sophie sang the Christmas carol beautifully.