

## TITRE DE LA LEÇON : ACTIVE AND PASSIVE VOICE

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### I-Active voice

In the active voice, the subject does the action expressed by the verb; the subject is the doer.

Examples:

Writers write books.

Subject verb object  
*doer*

My uncle planted this tree.

Subject verb object  
*doer*

### I-Passive voice

In the passive voice, the subject undergoes or receives the action expressed by the verb; the subject is the receiver.

Examples:

Books are written by writers.

Subject verb preposition agent  
*receiver*

This tree was planted by my uncle.

Subject verb preposition agent  
*receiver*

### Form

The passive voice is formed with the auxiliary **be** plus the past participle of the active verb. The subject of the active verb becomes the **agent** of the passive verb introduced by the preposition "**by**", and the object of the active verb becomes the subject of the passive verb.

Examples:

Active voice: Elenga **makes** cakes.

Passive voice: Cakes **are made** by Elenga.

Active voice: Henri Lopès **wrote** *Le Pleurer-rire*.

Passive voice: *Le Pleurer-rire* **was written** by Henri Lopès.

Active voice: The government **is building** a new school.

Passive voice: A new school **is being built** by the government.

Active voice: My father **will buy** a new car.

Passive voice: A new car **will be bought** by my father.



**Exercise one: Say if the sentence is in the active or passive voice.**

- 1-Savorgnan De Brazza High School was built by Europeans.
- 2-Europeans built Savorgnan De Brazza High School.
- 3-Congolese people speak Lingala.
- 4-Lingala is spoken by Congolese people.
- 5-Dad will sell his old car.
- 6-Mum is driving a bus.

**Exercise two: Turn these sentences into the passive voice.**

- 1-They protect monkeys in the zoo.
- 2-Children play tennis in the yard.
- 3-Strangers spoke Spanish.
- 4-Rebels are killing people in North Kivu.
- 5-Tourists will visit Savorgnan De Brazza memorial.
- 6-Paul accepted the gift.