

## Fast Five - Change these informal sentences into formal sentences

1. We had a fab time !
2. Come to my party later?
3. Milly is my bestie.
4. Yuck, that cheese is gross !
5. I can't watch TV.

## Possible Answers

1. We had a very enjoyable time.
2. Will you be able to attend the party today?
3. Milly is my best friend.
4. I do not like the flavour of that cheese.
5. I cannot watch television.

# Active and **passive verbs**



**What  
was said  
just now?**

# Subject Revision

What is the **subject** of each of these sentences?

The dog barked.

The dog bit me.

I bit the dog.

You must get off the bus.

This bus goes to Leeds.

I am a dog.

## Answers

The dog barked.

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# Object Revision

What is the **object** of each of these sentences? Do they all have an object?

The dog barked.

The dog bit me.

I bit the dog.

You must go to Leeds on the bus.

I'm sharpening my pencil.

Get a new pencil.

## Answers

The dog barked.

The dog bit **me**.

I bit **the dog**.

You must go to Leeds on the bus.

I'm sharpening **my pencil**.

Get **a new pencil**.

# Order

object - subject - verb :

What is their usual order in an English sentence?

Subject

Verb

Object



## Passive Voice

Passive voice lets us use the object of the action as the subject of the sentence.

The dog bit me. (active voice)

I was bitten by the dog. (passive voice)

## Look at these examples

Bees make honey. ( Active)

Honey is made by bees. ( Passive)

The sun warmed and dried him. (Active)

He was warmed and dried by the sun. (Passive)

**Rewrite this sentence using the passive voice**

A passing herd of buffalo nearly flattened us. (active)

## **Answer**

A passing herd of buffalo nearly flattened us. (active)

**We were nearly flattened by a passing herd of buffalo. (passive)**

Rewrite this sentence in the passive voice

A protruding ledge of rock broke my fall.

Answer

A projecting ledge of rock broke my fall.

**My fall was broken by a protruding ledge of rock.**

## Passive into Active

My fall was broken by a protruding ledge of rock.

(Passive)

A protruding ledge of rock broke my fall. (Active)

Rewrite this sentence using the active voice

The robbers were seen by a member of the public.



# Answer

The robbers were seen by a member of the public.

A member of the public saw the robbers.

# REMEMBER

- The subject comes before the verb in active sentences. The subject does the action.
- The action is done by an agent in passive sentences. The action is done to the subject.
- The words 'was', 'were' and 'by' are usually in a passive sentence.
- Active sentences are usually shorter.