

# Varied Fluency

## Step 3: Using the Passive Verb

### National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 6: (6G4.4) [Using passive verbs to affect the presentation of information in a sentence](#)

English Year 6: (6G4.4) [Use of the passive to affect the presentation of information in a sentence \[for example, I broke the window in the greenhouse versus The window in the greenhouse was broken \(by me\)\]](#)

Terminology for pupils:

- English Year 6: (6G4.4) [active](#)
- English Year 6: (6G4.4) [passive](#)

### Differentiation:

**Developing** Questions to support using the passive form of a verb in a single clause sentence, where both the subject and the object are included.

**Expected** Questions to support using the passive form of a verb in a sentence with an expanded noun phrase, or in single clause sentences, where the object is sometimes omitted.

**Greater Depth** Questions to support using the passive form of a verb in a multi-clause sentence or in sentences with an expanded noun phrase, where the object is always omitted.

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1a. Underline the object in the sentence below.

The fish was eaten by the cat.



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1b. Underline the subject in the sentence below.

The dog was held by the boy.



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2a. Rewrite the sentence below in the active form.

The book was read by Jenny.



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2b. Rewrite the sentence below in the active form.

The cake was made by Sarah.



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3a. Rewrite the sentence below in the passive form.

Stan won the game.



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3b. Rewrite the sentence below in the passive form.

The fox trapped the rabbit.



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4a. Tick the correct passive version of the active sentence below.

Ben threw the ball.

A. The ball was thrown by Ben.

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B. The ball threw Ben.

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4b. Tick the correct passive version of the active sentence below.

Kate drew the picture.

A. The picture was drawn by Kate.

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B. The picture drew Kate.

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5a. Underline the subject in the sentence below.

The high-tech yacht was sailed around the world by the sailor.



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5b. Underline the object in the sentence below.

The perfect dough was made by the skilled baker.



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6a. Rewrite the sentence below in the active form.

The terrified antelope was chased by the hungry lion.



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6b. Rewrite the sentence below in the active form.

The much-anticipated letter was delivered by the postman.



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7a. Rewrite the sentence below in the passive form.

Nina watered the wilted flowers in the garden.



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7b. Rewrite the sentence below in the passive form.

Abdul slowly opened the tall, red gate.



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8a. Tick the correct passive version of the active sentence below.

I ate the delicious chocolate cake.

A. The delicious chocolate cake was ate.

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B. The delicious chocolate cake was eaten.

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C. The delicious chocolate cake I ate.

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8b. Tick the correct passive version of the active sentence below.

I found the car key under a large rock.

A. The car key I found was under a large rock.

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B. The car key under a large rock I was found.

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C. The car key was found under a large rock.

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9a. Underline the subject in the sentence below.

The stained glass window was smashed this morning and it had to be tidied up.



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9b. Underline the subject in the sentence below.

The hot pizzas were cut into slices before they were hungrily devoured.



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10a. Rewrite the sentence below in the active form, including an active subject.

The horse was fed before it was ridden through the enormous, grassy fields.



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10b. Rewrite the sentence below in the active form, including an active subject.

The dirty dishes were washed after the delicious roast dinner was eaten.



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11a. Rewrite the sentence below in the passive form, omitting the passive object.

Harry put the warm, fluffy coat on before he opened the brown, wooden door.



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11b. Rewrite the sentence below in the passive form, omitting the passive object.

Grace wrote the beautiful song lyrics before she composed the dramatic music.



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12a. Tick the correct passive version of the active sentence below.

I put the coffee in the cup and poured in the hot water.

A. The coffee I put in the cup and the hot water was poured in.

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B. The coffee was put in the cup and the hot water was poured in.

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C. The coffee put in the cup and the hot water poured in.

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12b. Tick the correct passive version of the active sentence below.

I picked some flowers; then I planted new seeds.

A. Flowers were picked from the Soil; then I planted new seeds.

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B. From the soil I picked flowers; then planted new seeds.

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C. Some flowers were picked; then new seeds were planted.

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### Developing

- 1a. The fish was eaten by the cat.
- 2a. Jenny read the book.
- 3a. The game was won by Stan.
- 4a. A

### Expected

- 5a. The high-tech yacht was sailed around the world by the sailor.
- 6a. The hungry lion chased the terrified antelope.
- 7a. The wilted flowers in the garden were watered by Nina.
- 8a. B

### Greater Depth

- 9a. The stained glass window was smashed this morning and it had to be tidied up.
- 10a. Various answers, for example: I fed the horse before I rode it through the enormous, grassy fields. Accept any reasonable subject.
- 11a. The warm, fluffy coat was put on before the brown, wooden door was opened.
- 12a. B

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### Developing

- 1b. The dog was held by the boy.
- 2b. Sarah made the cake.
- 3b. The rabbit was trapped by the fox.
- 4b. A

### Expected

- 5b. The perfect dough was made by the skilled baker.
- 6b. The postman delivered the much-anticipated letter.
- 7b. The tall, red gate was opened slowly by Abdul.
- 8b. C

### Greater Depth

- 9b. The hot pizzas were cut into slices before they were hungrily devoured.
- 10b. Various answers, for example: I washed the dirty dishes after I ate the delicious roast dinner. Accept any reasonable subject.
- 11b. The beautiful song lyrics were written before the dramatic music was composed.
- 12b. C