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Worksheet: Mastering the Active Voice

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Quick Review

In the **active voice**, the subject of the sentence performs the action.

- **Formula:** [Subject] + [Verb] + [Object]
- **Example:** *The chef (Subject) prepared (Verb) the meal (Object).*

Part 1: Identifying the Active Voice

Directions: Circle "Active" if the sentence is in the active voice. Circle "Passive" if it is not.

1. The mechanic fixed the truck. **(Active / Passive)**
2. The letter was mailed by Sarah. **(Active / Passive)**
3. Wolves hunt in packs. **(Active / Passive)**
4. A new skyscraper is being built downtown. **(Active / Passive)**
5. My grandfather planted these oak trees. **(Active / Passive)**

Part 2: Changing Passive to Active

Directions: Rewrite the following sentences into the active voice. Make sure the "doer" of the action comes first.

6. The cake was baked by my sister.

7. The championship was won by the local team.

8. A beautiful song was sung by the choir.

9. The ancient ruins were discovered by explorers.

10. The broken window was replaced by the landlord.

Part 3: Fill in the Blanks

Directions: Use the verb in parentheses to complete the sentence in the **Active Voice**. Pay attention to the tense.

11. (To write - Present) The author _____ a new chapter every morning.
 12. (To paint - Past) Picasso _____ many famous portraits.
 13. (To help - Future) Our neighbors _____ us move next week.
 14. (To watch - Present Continuous) The students _____ a documentary right now.
 15. (To buy - Past) My parents _____ a new house last year.
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Part 4: Sentence Construction

Directions: Create your own active voice sentences using the subjects and verbs provided.

16. **Subject:** The firemen | **Verb:** Put out
 17. **Subject:** The technology company | **Verb:** Created
 18. **Subject:** Millions of people | **Verb:** Use
 19. **Subject:** The storm | **Verb:** Destroyed
 20. **Subject:** My best friend | **Verb:** Sent
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Part 5: Multiple Choice

Directions: Choose the best active voice version of the sentence provided.

21. **Passive:** *The flowers were watered by the gardener.* A) The gardener watered the flowers. B) Watering the flowers was the gardener. C) The flowers are being watered.
22. **Passive:** *The computer was repaired by a technician.* A) The computer repaired the technician. B) A technician repaired the computer. C) Repairs were made by the technician.
23. **Passive:** *The bridge will be crossed by the travelers.* A) The bridge crosses the travelers. B) Traveling will cross the bridge. C) The travelers will cross the bridge.
24. **Passive:** *The movie is being enjoyed by the audience.* A) The audience is enjoying the movie. B) Enjoying the movie is the audience. C) The audience enjoyed the movie.
25. **Passive:** *The message was delivered by the messenger.* A) The messenger delivers the message. B) The messenger delivered the message. C) Delivering the message was the messenger.

Answer Key (For Teachers)

1. Active
2. Passive
3. Active
4. Passive
5. Active
6. My sister baked the cake.
7. The local team won the championship.
8. The choir sang a beautiful song.
9. Explorers discovered the ancient ruins.
10. The landlord replaced the broken window.
11. writes
12. painted
13. will help / are going to help
14. are watching
15. bought
16. (Example: The firemen put out the fire.)
17. (Example: The technology company created a new app.)
18. (Example: Millions of people use social media.)
19. (Example: The storm destroyed the fence.)
20. (Example: My best friend sent me a gift.)
21. A
22. B
23. C
24. A
25. B