Passive Voice

→ Passive voice is a combination of any verb to be (is/are/was/were/been) + a past tense verb (usually anything with an –ed or something irregular like shown) and a prepositional phrase that begins with in, to, on, or by.

→ Professors do not like passive voice because it is wordy and the object of what you are talking about is not the main idea (subject) of the sentence. Instead, the main idea functions as the object of the action (or the verb).

→ For examples:
  
  * John was bitten by the dog.

  Or

  * The patient has been examined by the nurse.

→ The repair is to flip the sentence and use active verbs.

→ For example:

  * The dog bit John.

  Or

  * The nurse examined the patient.