Who Did It?

Sort sentences by what the subject does.

8.LL.16 "Examine the use of conventions of standard English grammar and usage in writing. a. Identify gerunds, participles, infinitives, and clauses. b. Analyze the effects of active and passive voice and shifts in verb tense. c..."

NAME _____ DATE _____

ACTIVE VOICE

In active voice, the subject does the action.

Storm clouds covered the harbor.

PASSIVE VOICE

In passive voice, the subject receives the action. The verb uses a form of be and a past participle, and a by phrase may tell who did the action.

A comet was spotted by astronomers.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle ACTIVE or PASSIVE for each sentence; then choose two items and explain how the subject helped you decide.

1. The drummer tapped the cymbal. ACTIVE PASSIVE

2. Ava painted the mural. ACTIVE PASSIVE

3. The trophy was carried by Nia. ACTIVE PASSIVE

4. The goalie caught the ball. ACTIVE PASSIVE

5. The notes were shared by Imani. ACTIVE PASSIVE

6. The bridge was inspected by an engineer. ACTIVE PASSIVE

7. The package was delivered by a courier. ACTIVE PASSIVE

8. The chef sliced the peaches. ACTIVE PASSIVE

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new sentence in active voice and one new sentence in passive voice.

ACTIVE _____

PASSIVE _____

CHALLENGE

Rewrite your active sentence in passive voice without changing the event, then explain what the new subject emphasizes.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The drummer tapped the cymbal.	**ACTIVE**	The drummer, the subject, does the tapping.
2	Ava painted the mural.	**ACTIVE**	Ava, the subject, does the painting.
3	The trophy was carried by Nia.	**PASSIVE**	The trophy, the subject, receives the action.
4	The goalie caught the ball.	**ACTIVE**	The goalie, the subject, does the catching.
5	The notes were shared by Imani.	**PASSIVE**	The notes, the subject, receive the action.
6	The bridge was inspected by an engineer.	**PASSIVE**	The bridge, the subject, receives the action.
7	The package was delivered by a courier.	**PASSIVE**	The package, the subject, receives the action.
8	The chef sliced the peaches.	**ACTIVE**	The chef, the subject, does the slicing.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **ACTIVE**: The mechanic repaired the bicycle.
- **PASSIVE**: The window was cleaned by Luis.

Challenge: The mechanic repaired the bicycle. The bicycle was repaired by the mechanic. The new subject puts attention on the bicycle.

For Part 2, accept any two correctly explained items. Students should identify whether each sentence's subject does or receives the action.