Who Did What?

Sort sentences by who does the action.

8.L.1 "Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking; retain and further develop language skills learned in previous grades. Explain the function of verbals (gerunds, participles…"

NAME _____ DATE _____

ACTIVE VOICE

In active voice, the subject does the action.

The otter cracked a shell.

PASSIVE VOICE

In passive voice, the subject receives the action. The verb uses a form of *be* with a past participle.

A mural was painted by the artist.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle ACTIVE or PASSIVE for each sentence; in Part 2, choose two items and explain what helped you sort each one.

1.	The coach praised the team.	ACTIVE PASSIVE
2.	Mina repaired the bicycle.	ACTIVE PASSIVE
3.	The windows were washed yesterday.	ACTIVE PASSIVE
4.	A loud crash startled the hikers.	ACTIVE PASSIVE
5.	The invitation was delivered by a courier.	ACTIVE PASSIVE
6.	The trophy was displayed in the library.	ACTIVE PASSIVE
7.	The thunder shook the cabin.	ACTIVE PASSIVE
8.	Jordan planted three sunflowers.	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 ACTIVE sentence and one new PASSIVE sentence.

ACTIVE _____

PASSIVE _____

CHALLENGE

Rewrite your ACTIVE sentence in PASSIVE voice without changing its meaning or tense, then name the new subject.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The coach praised the team.	**ACTIVE**	The coach does the praising.
2	Mina repaired the bicycle.	**ACTIVE**	Mina does the repairing.
3	The windows were washed yesterday.	**PASSIVE**	The windows receive the action; were washed is passive.
4	A loud crash startled the hikers.	**ACTIVE**	The crash does the startling.
5	The invitation was delivered by a courier.	**PASSIVE**	The invitation receives the action; was delivered is passive.
6	The trophy was displayed in the library.	**PASSIVE**	The trophy receives the action; was displayed is passive.
7	The thunder shook the cabin.	**ACTIVE**	The thunder does the shaking.
8	Jordan planted three sunflowers.	**ACTIVE**	Jordan does the planting.

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 chef stirred the soup.
- **PASSIVE**: The map was folded by Nia.

Challenge: The soup was stirred by the chef. The new subject is the soup.

For Part 2, accept explanations that identify whether the subject does or receives the action. For example, item 3 is passive because the windows receive the action, while item 4 is active because the crash does the startling.