

Answers— Identifying active and passive voice....

1. Dentists are assisted by dental hygienists.

You didn't answer this question.

- a) active voice
- b) passive voice

In the passive voice, the subject is the receiver of the action: the dentists (subject) are receiving assistance from the hygienists. The dentists are not doing the assisting.

2. My spouse arrived by plane at 6:55.

You didn't answer this question.

- a) active voice
- b) passive voice

In the active voice, the subject is the doer of the action: it was the spouse (subject) who did the arriving.

3. By pure coincidence, she came into the store when I happened to be there.

You didn't answer this question.

- a) active voice
- b) passive voice

In the active voice, the subject is the doer of the action: it was she (subject) who did the action of entering the store.

4. We were bitten by mosquitoes at the cottage!

You didn't answer this question.

- a) active voice
- b) passive voice

In the passive voice, the subject is the receiver of the action: the subject **we** received the bites. The mosquitoes did the action of biting.

5. My wallet was found on the street.

You didn't answer this question.

- a) active voice
- b) passive voice

In the passive voice, the subject is the receiver of the action: the wallet (subject) received the action of finding when someone picked it up. The wallet did not do the finding.

6. The argument was rejected.

You didn't answer this question.

- a) active voice
- b) passive voice

In the passive voice, the subject is the receiver of the action: the argument (subject) received a rejection. The argument did not do the rejecting.

7. The director studied the file and gave her comments.

You didn't answer this question.

- a) active voice
- b) passive voice

In the active voice, the subject is the doer of the action: it was the director (subject) who did the actions of studying the file and giving her comments.

8. The committee assured me that no follow-up was necessary at the moment.

You didn't answer this question.

- a) active voice
- b) passive voice

In the active voice, the subject is the doer of the action: it was the committee (subject) who did the assuring.

9. The child was bitten by his friend at the daycare.

You didn't answer this question.

a) active voice

b) passive voice

In the passive voice, the subject is the receiver of the action: the child (subject) received a bite from his friend. The child did not do the biting.

10. Alice Munro won the Nobel Prize in Literature in 2013.

You didn't answer this question.

a) active voice

b) passive voice

Answers:

1. The correct answer is **b) passive voice**.
2. The correct answer is **a) active voice**.
3. The correct answer is **a) active voice**.
4. The correct answer is **b) passive voice**.
5. The correct answer is **b) passive voice**.
6. The correct answer is **b) passive voice**.
7. The correct answer is **a) active voice**.
8. The correct answer is **a) active voice**.
9. The correct answer is **b) passive voice**.
10. The correct answer is **a) active voice**.