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**Teacher Notes**

For a fun and challenging way to teach active / passive voice, don’t tell your students anything about active / passive voice ahead of time!!

**Option A**: Simply cut out the 20 sentences below, tape them to the walls around the room, and tell the students to try to figure out what two categories those sentences could be put in. Let them get up, roam around the room, reading the sentences and discussing how they could categorize them. They’ll most likely try to look at topics, main ideas, all kinds of things. Typically, they’ll figure out enough to put them into the correct active/passive voice categories, but won’t really know that it’s called active / passive voice. Some might, though. Either way, it’s a fun and challenging way to get them to read and think deeply.

**Option B:** Or you could print them out and make a set for each small group and have students work together to try to “beat” the other groups in coming up with the two correct categories, but of course you don’t tell them what the categories are. Either way, you can prompt and guide as needed after a while if no one is getting close

Even if students don’t use the terms “active” and “passive” in figuring out the categories, it still counts if they notice that the verbs are different, or the person doing the action is different, etc. The point is that they see the difference between active and passive voice—not that they somehow magically know the correct terms. You can tell them that part later.

The first 10 sentences below are active voice. The last 10 sentences are passive voice.

**The teacher gave an assignment.**

**Many people visited Disneyland.**

**The Yankees lost the World Series.**

**The police captured the thief.**

**The referee stopped the game.**

**The pitch hit the batter.**

**The teacher taught a fun lesson.**

**The president greeted the crowd.**

**The storm destroyed all the homes.**

**I accidentally broke**

**the TV.**

**An assignment was given by the teacher.**

**Disneyland is visited by many people.**

**The World Series was lost by the Yankees.**

**The thief was captured by the police.**

**The game was stopped by the referee.**

**The batter was hit by the pitch.**

**A fun lesson was taught by the teacher.**

**The crowd was greeted by the president.**

**All the homes were destroyed by the storm.**

**The TV got broken by accident.**