



## ACTIVE & PASSIVE VOICE

### The Mystery of the Missing Key

This final worksheet combines a short, engaging story with activities that require you to find examples and create your own sentences. It's a great way to put all the rules into practice in a more meaningful context.

#### Part 1: Read the Story

Read the story and look for sentences that use the passive voice.

### The Mystery of the Missing Key

The old, wooden box was found in the attic last week. It was covered in dust, and a small metal key was hidden inside it. The key was taken to the family's old house, where a big, old door was located in the basement. The key was placed into the lock, and the door was slowly opened. Inside, a beautiful painting was revealed! The painting was painted by my great-grandmother many years ago. It was wrapped in cloth and was protected from the dust.

#### Part 2: Find the Passive Sentences

1. Write down three sentences from the story that use the passive voice.

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

2. Why do you think the passive voice was used in these sentences? (Hint: Is the "who" important?)

#### Part 3: Change the Voice!

Change these sentences from the story from passive to active. You may need to guess who did the action.

1. The key was hidden inside the box.

- \_\_\_\_\_

2. The painting was painted by my great-grandmother.

- \_\_\_\_\_

3. The painting was wrapped in cloth.

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## Teacher's Key

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- Inside, a beautiful painting **was revealed!**
- The painting **was painted** by my great-grandmother many years ago.
- It **was wrapped** in cloth and **was protected** from the dust.

### Part 3: Change the Voice!

1. The key was hidden inside the box.
  - Someone **hid** the key inside the box.
2. The painting was painted by my great-grandmother.
  - My great-grandmother **painted** the painting.
3. The painting was wrapped in cloth.
  - Someone **wrapped** the painting in cloth.