

## ACTIVE AND PASSIVE

You can use verbs in two different ways  
These are often called *voices*.

### 1. The active voice

Look at this sentence.

Tom *caught* the ball.



Here Tom (subject) is doing the action of *catching*.  
*Caught* is an active verb.

### 2. The passive voice

You can say the above sentence the other way round.

The ball *was caught* by Tom.

Here the ball (subject) is having the action done to it. *Was caught* is a passive verb.

ACTIVE

The mouse stole the cheese.



PASSIVE

The cheese was stolen by the mouse.

Jenny ate the ice cream.



The ice cream was eaten by Jenny.