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Verbs

### Active and Passive Verbs

A verb is **active** when the subject is the doer of the action. A verb is **passive** when the subject is the receiver of the action.

Examples:           The fireman rescued the baby from the burning building. (active)  
                          The baby was rescued from the burning building. (passive)

**Identify each sentence as active (A) or passive (P).**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Perry believed the tall tale.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. The small craft sank in the storm.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Clothilde waited for the signal.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. The banana split was devoured by the young child.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. The short story was written by an eighth grader.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. The wind damaged the roof of the garage.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. The honest person returned my wallet.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. My wallet was returned by the honest person.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. The son was running the business now.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. The business was run by the youngest son.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. The rumor was denied by her classmates.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Her classmates denied the rumor.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. The purse was found in the cloakroom.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. The janitor found the missing purse.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. The Red Cross aided the flood victims.