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Active and Passive Verbs

For each sentence, underline the passive verb and the person who did the action in each one. Write the sentence again underneath, so the person is more important than the action. Two have been done for you as an example. Don't forget to check the tense of your verbs.

e.g. (past tense) The raffle was won by Mrs Jones.

Mrs Jones won the raffle.

e.g. (present tense) Tea is grown in India by farmers.

Farmers grow tea in India.

1) Unfortunately, our car was stolen from the carpark by a joyrider.

2) At our school, football is played by both girls and boys.

3) The girl with a badly cut finger was given a plaster by Mrs Smith.

4) Last year, the London Marathon was completed by over 20,000 people.

5) My lunch is usually made by grandad.

6) The new play park was constructed by Bloggs the Builders.

7) *Harry Potter* was written by the author J K Rowling.

8) This science display was put up by Year Three.

9) Tigers can only be seen by tourists in the wild in Asia.

10) Morning assembly is led every day in the hall by our head teacher.

Now, re-write these active sentences in the passive voice:

11) Pharell Williams sang *Happy*.

12) Our parents planted the new daffodils.

13) Mr Khan gave us extra playtime.

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1. Unfortunately, our car was stolen from the carpark by a joyrider.
Unfortunately, a joyrider stole our car from the carpark.
2. At our school, football is played by both girls and boys.
At our school, both girls and boys play football.
3. The girl with a badly cut finger was given a plaster by Mrs Smith.
Mrs Smith gave the girl with a badly cut finger a plaster.
4. Last year, the London Marathon was completed by over 20,000 people.
Last year, over 20,000 people completed the London Marathon.
5. My lunch is usually made by grandad.
Grandad usually makes my lunch.
6. The new play park was constructed by Bloggs the Builders.
Bloggs the Builders constructed the new play park.
7. Harry Potter was written by the author JK Rowling.
The author JK Rowling wrote Harry Potter.
8. This science display was put up by Year Three.
Year Three put up this science display.
9. Tigers can only be seen by tourists in the wild in Asia.
Tourists can only see tigers in the wild in Asia.
10. Morning assembly is led every day in the hall by our head teacher.
Our head teacher leads the morning assembly every day in the hall.
11. Pharell Williams sang Happy.
Happy is sung by Pharell Williams.
12. Our parents planted the new daffodils.
The new daffodils were planted by our parents.
13. Mr Khan gave us extra playtime.
Extra playtime was given to us by Mr Khan.