

- **Voice** refers to the relation of a subject to the action expressed by the verb.
- In the **active voice**, the subject does the action.
EXAMPLE: The club **made** these decorations.
- In the **passive voice**, the subject is acted upon.
EXAMPLE: These decorations **were made** by the club.
- Only transitive verbs can be used in the passive voice.

- **Underline each verb. Then write active or passive.**

- _____ passive _____
1. The phonograph was invented by Edison.
 2. Tim hit a home run.
 3. The bell was rung by the caretaker.
 4. The football was thrown out of bounds.
 5. Jerzy has bought some new fishing tackle.
 6. The decision of the committee was announced yesterday.
 7. Steve blamed Moritz for making him late.
 8. The first three people were selected for the job openings.
 9. Carl typed the letter.
 10. Angela quickly stated the reason for not attending:
 11. Andrew flopped into the chair.
 12. Many songs were written by David Foster.
 13. The police officer gave me a ticket.
 14. Dr. Koneru held a press conference.
 15. Rosie has bought a new car.
 16. His heart was broken by the cruelty of his friends.
 17. Governor-General Leblanc shook their hands.
 18. The boat was carried to the landing.
 19. The party was given for her birthday.
 20. Pam wrote the winning essay.