

Name \_\_\_\_\_ **Active and Passive Voice**

## Differing Choices

Sentences in active and passive voice both contain action verbs, but they differ in how the action relates to the subject. In active voice, the subject performs the action. In passive voice the subject receives the action.

**ACTIVE VOICE:** We ate the spaghetti.

**PASSIVE VOICE:** The spaghetti was eaten by us.



For each sentence below, write A on the line if the sentence is in **active** voice, or P if it is in **passive** voice.

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. The boy picked up the ball.

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. The man stole the purse.

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. The book was read by Helen.

\_\_\_\_\_ 5. Kevin gulped down the soda.

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. John's bus was met by Elaine.

\_\_\_\_\_ 6. The dog chased a squirrel.

The sentences below are in passive voice. Rewrite them in active voice.

7. The sword was brandished by the pirate.

8. The mouse was eaten by the cat.

9. The plane was flown by my uncle Mark.

11. The meal was cooked by a chef.

12. The test was administered by our teacher.