

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

# Turn Up the Volume

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:** She used her phone to call the police.

**PASSIVE VOICE:** Her phone was used to call the police.



**DIRECTIONS:** The sentences below are in passive voice. Rewrite them in active voice.

1. The tomatoes and peppers were grown by Susan.
2. The report on pollution was written by Ellie.
3. The patio furniture was blown around by the wind.
4. Kirsten was applauded by the audience after her solo.
5. The toilet was clogged by the dog dropping her ball into it.
6. Oil was substituted when we ran out of butter.
7. Soon after the doctor gave Kelly the medicine, she was cured.
8. The dictionary was used by every student in the class.