



# Passive to ACTIVE

Read this passage which is mostly written in the passive.

Chapter Three: "Boom! Boom!"

This message **is being written** by me, the author. I know that we are only up to Chapter Three, but this story **will have to be cancelled**. You see it **was being written** as a detective story, a "Who done it?". Unfortunately, however, my detective **has just been killed**. You will remember that Chapter Two **was rounded off** when our hero went to bed in a guest room in the isolated mansion. Well, it turns out that he **was murdered** in the middle of the night. I **was surprised** myself, I can tell you. His bedroom door **was forced** and his room **was entered** at about three in the morning. The poor chap **was hit** over the head. He **was killed** with one almighty blow. It **has been discovered** that the deadly deed **was done** with an enormous drumstick. The weapon **had been stolen** from an eminent doctor whose bedroom was just along the corridor. I **have been informed** that she played the kettledrums in her spare time.

So now my story **has been ruined**. How can a detective story **be continued** without its detective? My creativity **has been murdered**. My great novel **can never be finished**. I **have been devastated** by the events of the last few hours. It has come as a resounding blow for me - as well as for the detective. My story **would have been enjoyed** by so many people! THE END.



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Can you change these into active? Which ones do not really work?

The harder ones will need subjects added.

Your teacher will tell you which phrases to try on your whiteboard.

Chapter Three: "Boom! Boom!"

**I, the author, am writing this message.**

This message **is being written** by me, the author. I know that we are only up to Chapter

**I will have to cancel this story.**

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a detective story, a "Who done it?". Unfortunately, my detective **has just been killed**.

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Describe the differences using the passive with or without the subject:

For example:

The trees have been looked after.

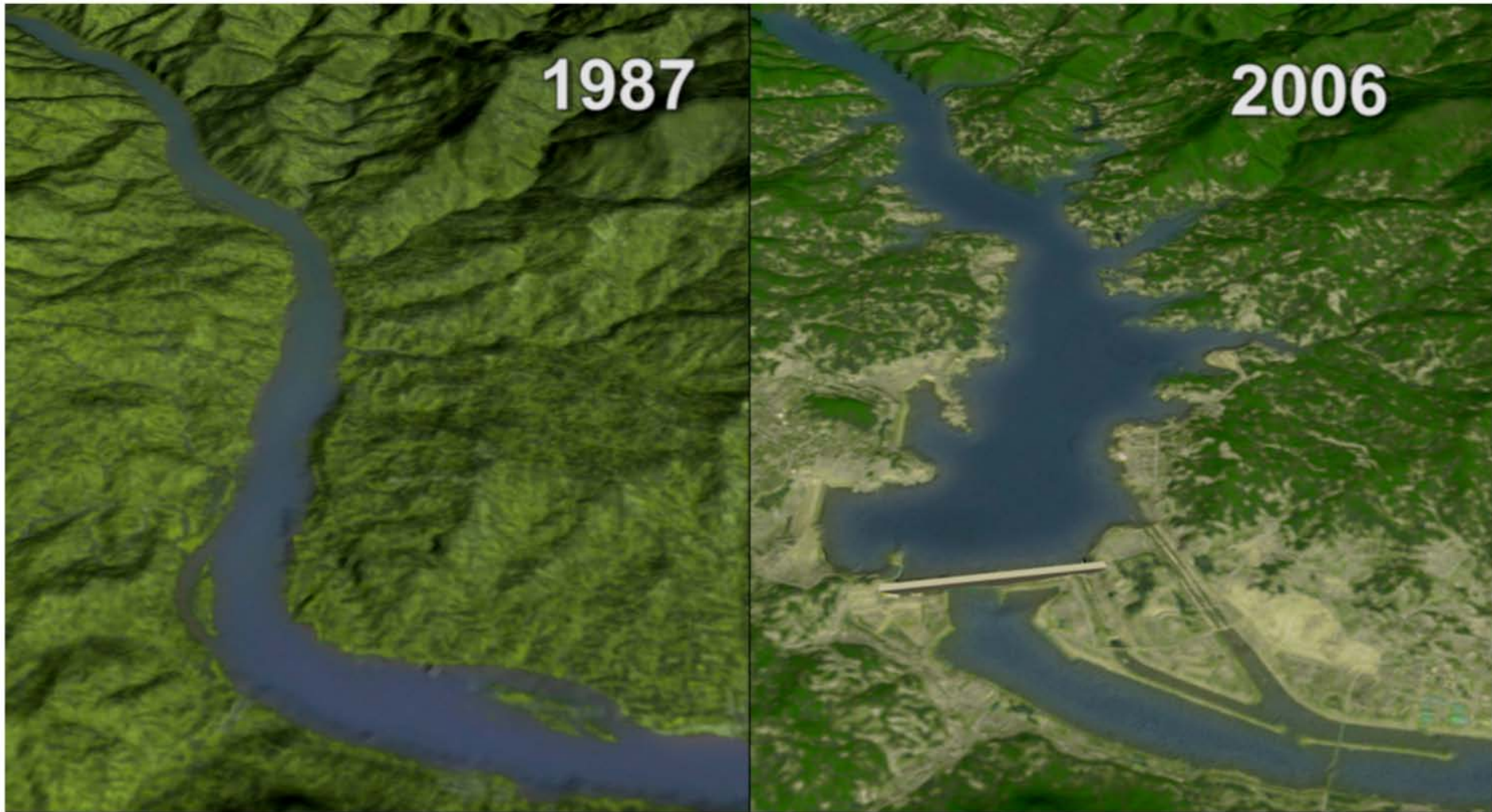
The wood has been painted.

The grass has been tidied.

The roof has been cleaned.



Describe the differences using the passive with or without the subject:



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(This is after Hurricane Sandy on the coast)



Whiteboard  
Writing



Before...



After:



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