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The elephant was frightened by the mouse.

What is the difference between these sentences?

Is there a slight difference in meaning?

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The mouse frightened the elephant.
In this sentence, the mouse is given more importance.

The elephant was frightened by the mouse.
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When writing, think about what is important in your sentences. You can use **Passive** to change the impact or importance.

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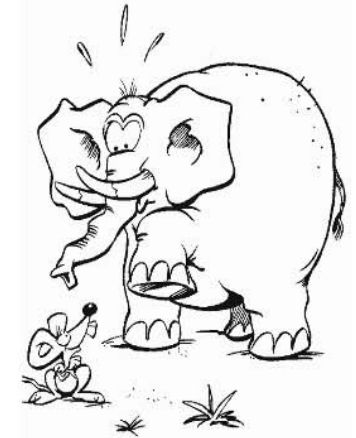


The **mouse** frightened the elephant.

In this sentence, the thing that is doing the action, (the mouse) comes **at the start** of the sentence.

This is an **Active** sentence.

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The elephant was frightened by the mouse.

In this sentence, the thing that is doing the action, (the mouse) comes at the end of the sentence.

This is a **Passive** sentence.

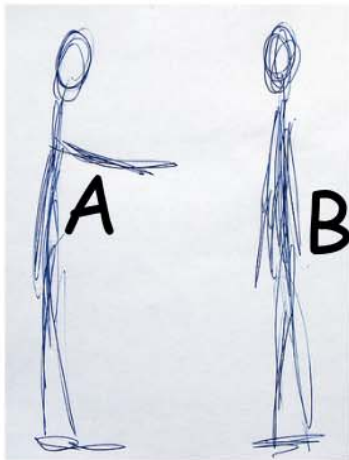
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Discuss:

What is doing the action in these sentences?

- 1) The boy kicked the ball.
- 2) The teacher praised the class.
- 3) The food was eaten by the children.
- 4) The train was delayed by the rain.

Which are **Active** , which are **Passive** ?



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Who did what, and to whom?

Choose 2 people to come to the front of the class.
Person A must do something to B (no touching).

Make a sentence to describe what happens from A's point of view. (For example: **Josh waved at William**)

Now turn it around from B's point of view. (For example: **William was waved at by Josh**)

Choose different people, do this orally first, then try writing this on the whiteboards.