

Lesson Plan: Active vs. Passive Voice (50-Sentence Resource)

Details Info

Level Intermediate ESL (Grades 6 – 10 / CEFR B1)

Duration 60 minutes

Focus Identify, transform, and use active & passive voice across six key

tenses

Core Materials • Blog page: "50 Sentences of Active & Passive Voice"

6-row Active ↔ Passive Tense Chart
Koala Sentence Converter (generator)
Worksheet (match, transform, short writing)

• 8-question HTML Quiz

learning Objectives

By the end of the lesson, students will be able to:

- 1. Distinguish active vs. passive voice in sentences.
- Convert sentences between active and passive while keeping tense consistent.
- 3. Correct common voice mistakes (auxiliary choice, agent placement, tense mismatch).
- 4. Produce original sentences in both voices.

(iiii) Lesson Procedure (60 min)

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Teacher / Student Actions

1. Warm-Up (5 min)

Display two sentences from the 50-sentence list (one active, one passive). Ask: "Which one tells us **who** does the action?" Quick poll → introduce terms *active* / *passive*.

2. Mini-Lesson + Chart (10 min)

Project the 6-row tense conversion chart.

• Walk through Present Simple row.

Highlight form: be + past participle.

Students copy a shortened version in notebooks.

3. Guided Practice (15 min)

Sentence Converter Demo: Type an active sample ("The chef

prepares dinner.") \rightarrow see passive.

Pairs choose 3 sentences from blog list and convert using the Koala

Tool.

Monitor & prompt: "Which auxiliary did you change? Any agent?"

4. Common

Use slideshow icons or whiteboard:

Mistakes Clinic (10

Show "Was ate" → elicit fix ("was eaten").

min)

Quick right/wrong pairs from "5 Mistakes" section.

Students correct errors on mini-whiteboards or notebooks.

5. Worksheet Activity (15 min)

Hand out worksheet:

• Part A – identify voice

• Part B – transform voice

• Part C – short writing (1 active, 1 passive).

Circulate for support.

6. Quiz & Review (5

min)

Students take the 8-question \mathbf{HTML} \mathbf{quiz} on phones/tablets (or

printed). Display results; address any questions.

Assessment

- Worksheet accuracy (≥ 80 % correct).
- Quiz score (informal check).
- Teacher observation during converter activity and error correction.

Extension / Homework

- Write a 100-word paragraph: first half in **active** voice, second half in **passive**. Underline the verb phrases.
- Optional Flipgrid: record a short video explaining one real-life situation that's better described in passive voice (e.g., scientific process).

X Teacher Tips

- Encourage students to **omit the agent** in passive when irrelevant (e.g., "My phone was stolen.").
- Color-code subject / verb / object on the board for visual learners.
- Use the **downloadable answer-key bullets** to give quick formative feedback.

Feel free to adapt timing or swap activities to fit a shorter 45-minute period.