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8TH GRADE WRITING DO NOW

Underline the verb and mark the subject complement (SC) or direct object (DO) in each sentence. Then tell whether the verb is transitive (T), intransitive (IT), or linking (L).

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Active and Passive Voice

Transitive verbs are **action verbs** with a **direct object**.

Transitive verbs have **voice**.

Only transitive verbs can have **active or passive voice**.

When a verb is in the active voice, the subject **does the action**.

Example #1: Congress passed the law.

When a verb is in the passive voice, the subject **receives the action**.

Example #2: The law was passed by Congress.

Direct Instruction

Underline the verb or verb phrase in each sentence and tell whether it is in the active voice (Act) or the passive voice (Pass).

1. The Constitution of the United States was ratified in 1788. _____
2. The original Constitution did not include a Bill of Rights. _____
3. Many people wanted a statement of the limitation of the government's power over individuals. _____

Guided Practice

4. For them, the American Revolution was fought precisely for these rights. _____
5. Leaders in favor of ratification promised a bill of rights. _____
6. Personal rights were outlined in the proposed bill. _____

Independent Practice

7. These rights were incorporated into amendments to the Constitution. _____
8. The first 10 amendments to the Constitution form the Bill of Rights. _____

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9. Basic freedoms such as freedom of speech are guaranteed by the Bill of Rights.

10. Other freedoms, like freedom of religion, are also protected. _____
11. Our nation's founders recognized essential human rights for all men. _____
12. Women and slaves wanted these same rights. _____
13. Women were allowed to vote roughly one hundred years later. _____
14. The descendants of slaves gained voting rights during the Civil Rights movement.

15. All Americans are protected by the Bill of Rights nowadays. _____