

The Jamie Drake  
Equation  
- Phase 2  
Day 4: Identify,  
Examine, Practise,  
Apply

# Identify

ACTIVE SENTENCE = the subject is carrying out the action

PASSIVE SENTENCE = an action is being done to the subject

Can you spot the passive sentences?

	Active	Passive
The boy dressed as an alien asked a question.		
A question was asked by a boy dressed as an alien.		
The door was closed by Jamie.		
Jamie closed the door.		
Dan Drake fired the space probes.		
The space probes were fired by Dan Drake.		
Grandad fell into the TV screen.		
The TV screen was fallen into by Grandad.		

# Examine

Can you spot the passive sentence?

Then I see something that stops me in my tracks. Silhouetted against the setting sun, it looks like a robot riding on top of a giant techno-spider. It's nearly twice my height; its four metal legs extended and planted in the ground, while the satellite dish head is pointing to the stars. On its sleek white body, I can see a bright blue logo:

\* L.O.G.S.

Unlike the crumbling observatory, this looks like it's just fallen off the back of a spaceship. I step closer, peering at the strange machine to try and work out exactly what it is.

That's when a shotgun is pressed between my shoulder blades.

"Don't move," a woman's voice growls. "Or I'll let you have it."

# Examine

- A shotgun is pressed into my back.
- Who is pressing the shotgun into Jamie's back?
- As an author, do we know who is pressing the shotgun into Jamie's back?
- So, how could we have re-written this sentence (active)?
- Why has the author written the sentence as a passive one?

# Practise

Change the following sentences into passive ones.

Can you create a 'secret agent'?

Active/Passive	Sentence
ACTIVE	Charlie opened Jamie's bedroom door.
PASSIVE	
ACTIVE	Jamie plugged the phone into the laptop.
PASSIVE	
ACTIVE	Jamie broke part of the fence.
PASSIVE	

# Apply

Can you write a paragraph which ends with a passive sentence?

Imagine someone (do we want the reader to know who yet?) creeps up behind Jamie when he is outside the observatory.

Now write the paragraph...