

LANGUAGE HANDBOOK 3 USING VERBS

WORKSHEET 6

Identifying and Using Active and Passive Voice (Rule 3 f)

EXERCISE A On the line provided, identify the verb in each of the following sentences as *AV* for active voice or *PV* for passive voice.

EXAMPLE PV 1. The arctic tundra is characterized by long winters, little snow, and low temperatures.


- 1. Warm summer temperatures thaw the tundra's surface soil but not the subsoil, or permafrost.
- 2. Therefore, water drainage is hindered by flat and partially frozen ground.
- 3. Ponds and bogs, sources of moisture for plants, are formed by standing water.
- 4. Typical arctic vegetation includes low plants, such as cotton grass, sedge, and lichens.
- 5. Soil disturbances such as "flowing soil" are caused by thaws and movement of soil.
- 6. Irregular landforms, such as hummocks, frost boils, and earth stripes, are produced by poorly drained areas.
- 7. On the soft surface, deep gullies are caused by vehicle tracks.
- 8. The disruption of vegetation by vehicles melts permafrost.
- 9. Most arctic vegetation, however, can survive these soil disturbances.
- 10. Arctic wildlife is found on the tundra as well.

EXERCISE B In the following sentences, first determine whether the sentence is in the active or the passive voice. Then, on the lines provided, rewrite each sentence in the other voice.

EXAMPLES 1. The tennis ball was served by Sharmaine. Sharmaine served the tennis ball.

2. My parents praised me for my good attitude. My good attitude was praised by my parents.

1. Dad cooked a lasagna dinner for the family last night. _____

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2. The folk-dancing class was attended by several members of our foreign cultures club.

3. Sarah invited some friends to go to the movies with her on Saturday.

4. Famous works of art in the Louvre Museum in Paris are seen by many people.

5. Our pecan tree was pruned by a professional tree trimmer.

6. Glen gave a slide show and lecture on native plants of the Southwest.

7. Lincoln's Gettysburg Address was read by the students.

8. The Hardens invited me to their annual Labor Day picnic.

9. Our dog was given his rabies vaccination by Dr. Lambert.

10. Our computer was fixed by a technician.

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