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Active or Passive

An activity of "Forest watchman helps keep tigers safe"

In English, all sentences are in either "active" or "passive" voice. At the most basic level, the active voice emphasises the person/thing who does the action of the verb, while the passive voice puts the spotlight on the recipient of the action. For example:

Active voice	Her husband stole the money.	Subject is "her husband", the agent or the one doing the action of stealing.
Passive voice	The money was stolen by her husband.	Subject is "the money", the recipient or the thing affected by the action of stealing.

Below are six sentences from the story, "Forest watchman helps keep tigers safe" (*What's Up* April 2020, Story 11A). Identify whether each is in active or passive voice. Then, rewrite it in the other voice. Note: If the agent is missing, make up your own!

	Sentence in the story	Voice?	Rewritten sentence
1	Many tigers are killed for attacking farm animals and people.	<input type="checkbox"/> Active <input type="checkbox"/> Passive	
2	Mr Sreenivasan has recorded about 2,000 official tiger sightings across the forests in Kerala.	<input type="checkbox"/> Active <input type="checkbox"/> Passive	
3	People were barred from entering certain forests.	<input type="checkbox"/> Active <input type="checkbox"/> Passive	
4	Local villagers were often recruited to guard the reserves against poachers.	<input type="checkbox"/> Active <input type="checkbox"/> Passive	
5	He has guided forest officials across Kerala.	<input type="checkbox"/> Active <input type="checkbox"/> Passive	
6	There are now believed to be almost 3,000 wild Bengal tigers in the country.	<input type="checkbox"/> Active <input type="checkbox"/> Passive	