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### How can I use the active and passive voice?

Are these sentences in the active or passive voice? Label them 'active' or 'passive'.

Emily read the book.	
The ball was kicked into the goal by the man of the match.	
The horse was ridden along the lanes and into the woods.	
The children ran out into the playground, shouting with excitement.	
The skaters put on their skates and slid onto the ice as the snow began to fall.	
The new house was finished on time by the builders.	

Can you change these sentences into the passive voice?

1. Katie played the piano.

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2. William closed the gate of the farmyard.

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3. The organisers of the event set off fireworks when it became dark.

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4. The referee blew a whistle to start the match.

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**These are all written in passive voice. Change each sentence into active voice.**

1. The football was kicked by Luke.

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2. The knife was left on the table by Julie.

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3. The milk had been knocked over by a cat.

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How would you explain to someone how to change from the active to the passive voice?

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