

# We did it ..... or It was done ?

We can write many sentences in two different ways.

**Active: We made a new kind of material.**

subject      verb                      object

**Passive: A new kind of material was made.**

object                      verb Be      past participle

We need to decide which type of sentence is best in each situation

When the subject of the sentence is more important than the object, we use an **active** verb.

When the object of the sentence is more important than the subject we use a **passive** one.

Look at these sentences and decide which ones need to be **changed**.

1. Somebody founded ADBN Corporation in Detroit, in 1912.
2. The people in India speak many different languages.
3. The prime minister is visiting China next month.
4. They will never discover a medicine to stop aging.
5. Passengers with small children may now board the aircraft.
6. We used to use mainly wood for building houses.
7. Office workers can use modern computers to do a variety of office tasks.
8. These days, some people have to use a calculator for the most basic calculations.
9. Many people have criticized the US president for not signing the Kyoto agreement.
10. We haven't done many grammar exercises recently.

Use the space below to rewrite the sentences that do need changing.

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