

Tip of the Week

Active Voice and Passive Voice

Voice refers to the relationship between the subject and the verb. If the subject performs the action, the verb is in the **active voice**. If the subject is acted upon, the verb is in the **passive voice**.

Active Voice: Use the active voice when you want to emphasize who or what performed the action.

Example: Michael ate the fudge royale ice cream.

The woman pushed the baby carriage.

Samuel broke the cookie jar.

Passive Voice: Verbs in the passive voice always include a form of the verb *be* immediately preceding the past participle of the main verb.

Examples: The fudge royale ice cream was eaten by Michael.

The baby carriage was pushed by the woman.

The cookie jar was broken by Samuel.