

Passive Troubles for Halloween

This exercise should help in minimizing your "passive troubles."

You will do two things:

First, identify the Subject + Verb + Object (S+V+O) of each sentence;

Second, change the sentence to passive keeping the same tense as in the original sentence.

Look at this example:

1. Kenny and his dad bought a pumpkin to place in front of their house.

a. What is the ... of this sentence?

Subject Kenny and his dad

Verb bought

Object a pumpkin

b. Now make the change. Begin with the Object as your new subject.

Use the appropriate tense of "be" and the past participle of the main verb. Add the "by phrase"; and write the rest of the sentence.

Passive sentence: A pumpkin was bought by Kenny and his dad to place in front of their house.

2. The children wear interesting costumes for Halloween.

Subject: _____

Verb: _____

Object: _____

Passive Sentence: _____

3. Some people place scarecrows in their front lawns.

Subject: _____

Verb: _____

Object: _____

Passive sentence: _____

4. Children carry a bag or sack for their candy.

Subject: _____

Verb: _____

Passive sentence: _____

5. Children place the candy inside the bag or sack.

Subject: _____

Verb: _____

Object: _____

Passive sentence: _____

6. Some grown-ups scare the children as they go up the door to ring the bell.

Subject: _____

Verb: _____

Object: _____

Passive sentence: _____

7. Usually, one of the parents accompanies the children as they go trick or treating.

Subject: _____

Verb: _____

Object: _____

Passive sentence: _____

8. When the children get home, the parents check the candy to make sure it is okay.

Subject: _____

Verb: _____

Object: _____

Passive sentence: _____

9. Besides going to parties, other people watch movies or stay at home and tell scary stories.

Subject: _____

Verb: _____

Object: _____

Passive sentence: _____

10. Do people celebrate Halloween in your country?

Subject: _____

Verb: _____

Object: _____

Passive sentence: _____



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