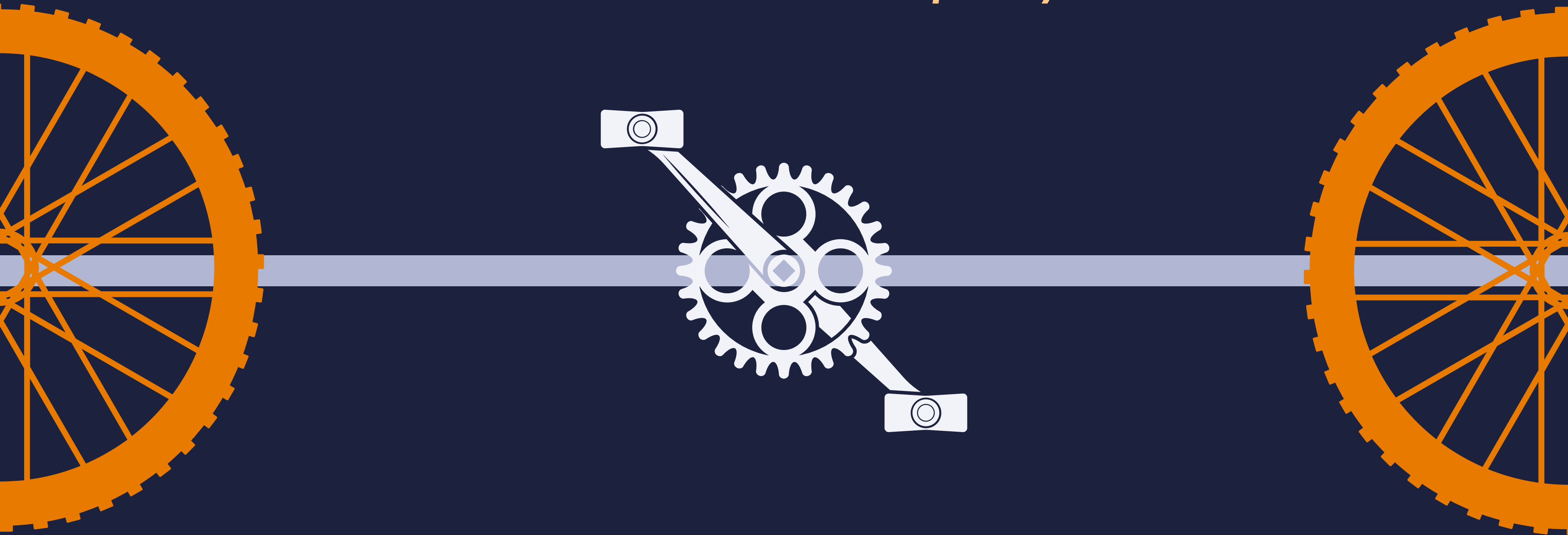


The Passive Voice

Form, Function & Frequency



Contents

The following questions will be answered:

- What is the passive voice?
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What is the passive voice?

The passive voice is used when the subject of a sentence receives an action.



← **The cyclist rode the bike.**
(ACTIVE)

← **The bike was ridden by the cyclist.**
(PASSIVE)



Why do we need it?

The passive is used when the focus is on the person or thing that receives an action.

A man is teaching a boy to ride a bike.
(ACTIVE)

The boy is being taught to ride a bike.
(PASSIVE)

When is it used?

The passive voice is commonly used with the following verbs and topics:

INVENTIONS & DISCOVERIES



*be discovered
be invented
be tested*

PRODUCTION & INDUSTRY



*be produced
be grown
be made*

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



*be directed
be written
be filmed*

CRIME & PUNISHMENT



*be caught
be stolen
be punished*

EMERGENCIES & DISASTERS

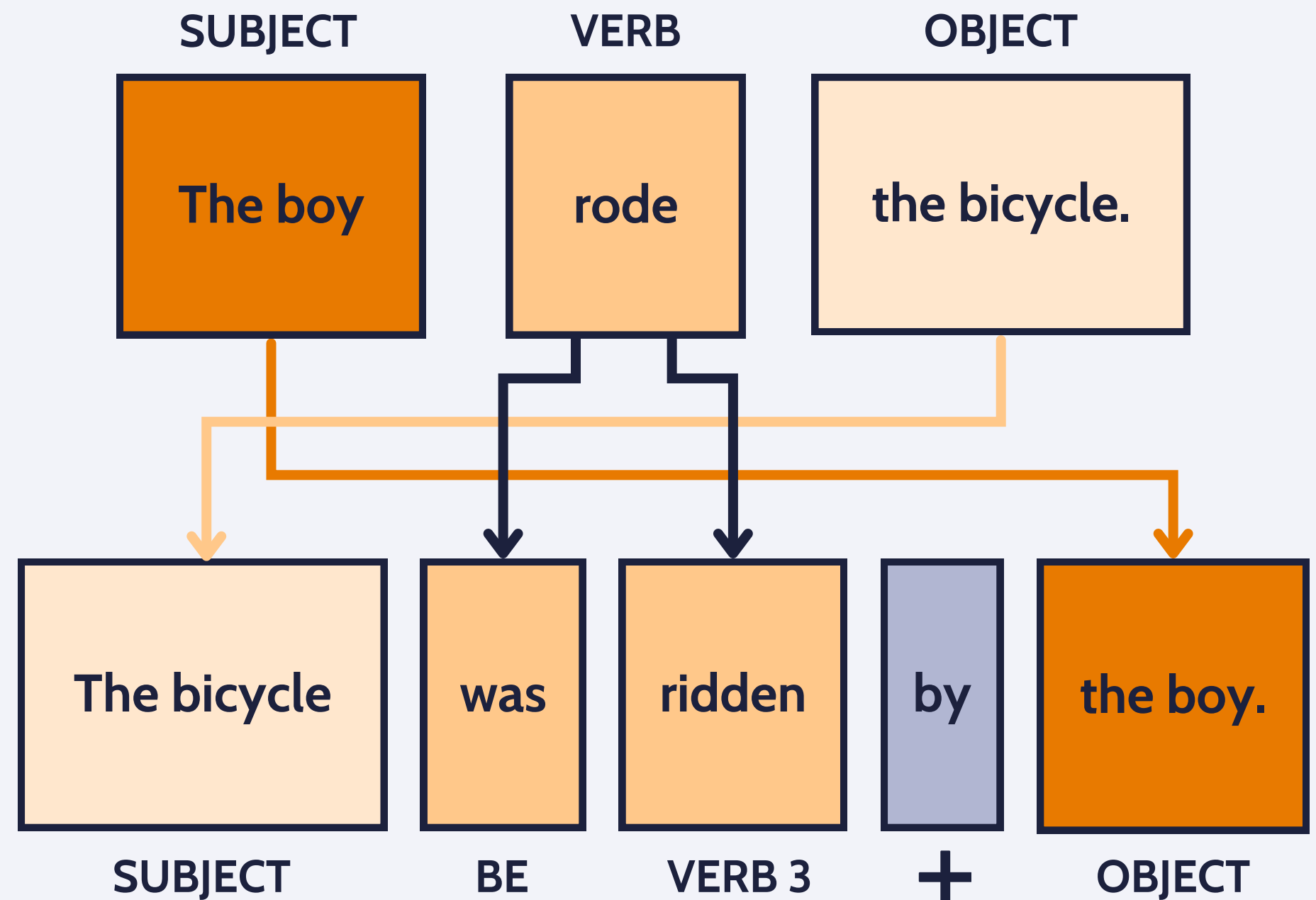


*be destroyed
be hurt
be broken*

How The Passive Is Formed

- 1 The subject moves to the object position.
- 2 The object moves to the subject position.
- 3 Split the verb into a BE verb + past participle.
- 4 Add BY to show who performed the action.

Sub + Be + V3 + Obj



The Passive BE Verb

The BE verb changes depending on the subject and tense of the sentence.



	PAST	PRESENT	FUTURE
SIMPLE	was / were	am / is / are	will be
CONTINUOUS	was / were being	am / is / are being	am / is / are going to be
PERFECT	had been	has / have been	will have been



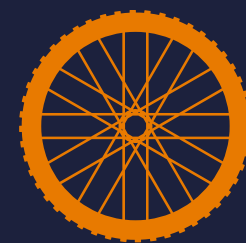
Your turn!

Change the active sentence to the passive voice.



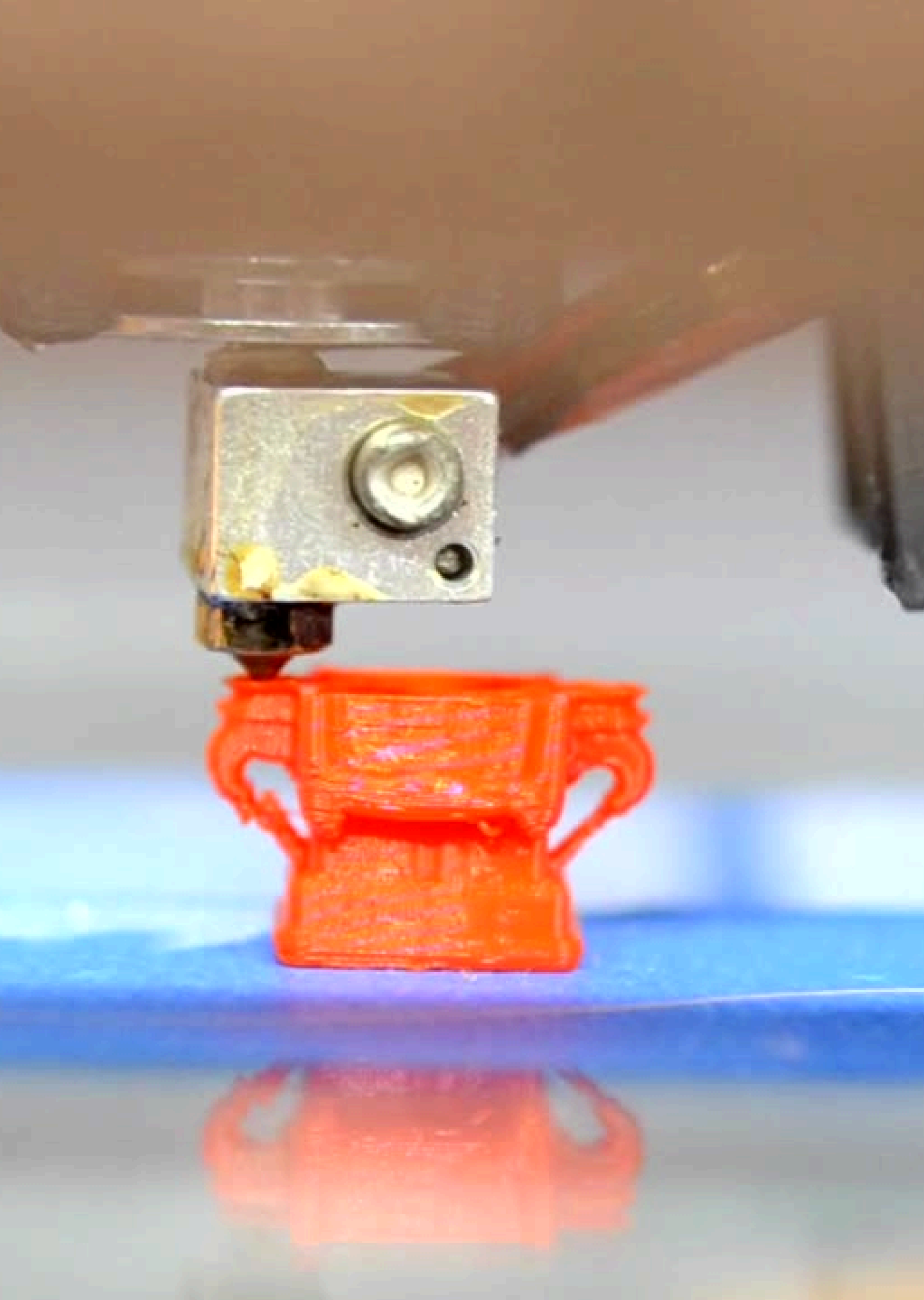
The man is fixing the wheel.

ACTIVE



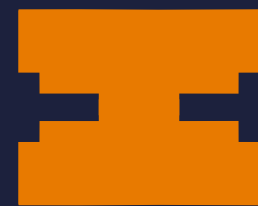
The wheel...

PASSIVE



Your turn!

Create a passive sentence and an active sentence.



The piece...

PASSIVE



The machine...

ACTIVE

Your turn!

Create an active sentence and two passive phrases.



The fire fighter...

ACTIVE



The fire...

PASSIVE



The house...

PASSIVE

Thank You!



Any questions?

