Active and Passive Verb Forms

<u>Active Voice:</u> Subject of the sentence performs the action expressed in the verb.

[the person/thing doing the action] + [verb] + [person/thing receiving action]

Sally walks the dog.

* The examples below show that the subject is performing an action.

- The cat jumped on the girl.
- *The cat (subject) is doing the jumping (verb).*

- Sandy will present a report in class.
- *Sandy (subject) is presenting (verb) in class.*

- Jeremy walks the dog.
- *Jeremy (subject) is walking (verb) the dog.*

<u>Passive Voice</u>: The thing that is receiving the action; the subject that is being "acted upon."

[Person/thing receiving action] + [be] + [past participle of verb] + [by] + [person/thing doing action]

The students are taught by the professor.

* The examples below show the subject being acted upon by the verb.

- The girl was jumped on by the cat.
- *The girl (subject) was being jumped on (verb).*

- A report will be presented by Sandy to the class.
- *A report (subject) will be presented (verb).*

- The dog is walked by Jeremy.
- *The dog (subject) is being walked (verb).*

* More Examples:

- Marilyn wrote a letter.
- ***Active Voice***

- The ball has been thrown by Jackie.
- ***Passive Voice***

- Mrs. Smith graded the exams.
  - ***Active voice***