



5<sup>th</sup> Handout - Transitive/Intransitive & other Stuff

- 9) How did you know that? You <sup>US</sup> did <sup>AV</sup> know <sup>DO</sup> that how. Transitive
- 10) I <sup>S</sup> once <sup>AV</sup> read <sup>DO</sup> a book (on it) (by Euell Gibbons.) TRANSITIVE

**Active vs. Passive voice**

*Voice is the form that determines whether the subject of a verb is acting or is acted upon. When the subject of a verb performs the action, the verb is in the active voice. When the subject of a verb receives the action, when it is acted upon, the verb is in the passive voice.*

Below underline the verbs and mark them as active or passive.

- 11) That guitar was played to death. PASSIVE - "<sup>ACTIVE</sup> Kerry played the guitar to death"
- 12) Who played the guitar? ACTIVE - "<sup>PASSIVE</sup> The guitar was played by whom?"
- 13) I <sup>AV</sup> would like a hotdog. ACTIVE - "<sup>PASSIVE</sup> A hotdog would be liked by me."
- 14) The mustard was taken. PASSIVE - "<sup>ACTIVE</sup> Jamie took the mustard."
- 15) She stalked the birdhouse. ACTIVE - "<sup>PASSIVE</sup> The birdhouse was stalked by her."
- 16) Suddenly, strange music was heard overhead. PASSIVE - "<sup>ACTIVE</sup> Suddenly, they heard strange music overhead."
- 17) That darn guitar was being played again. PASSIVE - "<sup>ACTIVE</sup> Kerry was playing that darn guitar again."

Reverse the voice of sentences 11 - 17 above.