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Transitive and Intransitive verbs

If a verb in the active voice does not need an object to complete its meaning, it is intransitive. Verbs in the active voice that require objects to complete their meaning are transitive. Think of transitive verbs as "transferring" or "transiting" their action to a direct object.

Analyze the following sentences. Mark subjects, phrases, verbs, direct objects, etc. In one grammatical fashion or another, account for each word.

- 1) The price (of gold) rose pitifully. Intranschut
- 2) Stock prices may fall. In fransitive

Transdue 3) Alberta found this worksheet easy. Look up "easy"; see its adjectival and advertical forms.

Above, which verbs are transitive? Which are intransitive?

Below underline the verbs and mark them as transitive or intransitive.

- 4) The acorns have fallen in a great profusion this year. Intransiture
- 5) Tom, yearning for protein, regularly shucks and eats the acorns.

NOTE "MEALY"

an adjective 6)

It was a brisk autumn day, and the acorns tasted mealy. [Be careful here.] First trans

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- 7) How can you eat them? TRANSITUR > "You can eat them how."
- 8) In fact, [if you boil them to remove the tannic acid], acorns make decent flour.

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- 9) How did you know that? You did Know that how. Transitue
- 10) I once read 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 "Kerry played the guitar to death"
- 12) Who played the guitar? Active Passive The guitar was played by whom?"
- 14) The mustard was taken. Passive Janie took the mustard !
- 15) She stalked the birdhouse. Active PASSIVE Was stalked by her. "
- 16) Suddenly, strange music was heard overhead. Passive "Fuddenly, they heard strange music over bod."
- 17) That darn guitar was being played again. PASSIVE Active Kerry was playing that dank guitar again.

Reverse the voice of sentences 11 - 17 above.