

The subject of sentence performs the action, when a sentence is written in active voice.  
In a sentence written in the passive voice the subject receives the action.



Examples

Active Voice: A huge hurricane struck the town.

Passive Voice: The town was struck by the hurricane.

Let's re-write the following sentences in the active voice.

The ship was boarded by the pirates.  
The pirates boarded the ship.

The aircraft was flown by the pilot  
The pilot flew the aircraft.