

## Active and passive (Grammar and Writing)

- Description:** Sentence completion
- Use with or after:** *English Network 3 (New Edition)*, Unit 4, Step 1.
- Skill:** Grammar and writing
- Focus:** In ten pairs of sentences, students complete one of the sentences so that it means the same as the other, using active and passive constructions.
- Time:** 15 minutes
- Preparation:**
- Print out all three pages of this file.
  - Make enough copies of the second and third pages so that each student can have one of the worksheets, but not both.
- Procedure:**
- Refer the students to the Language study on page 58 of *English Network 3 (New Edition)* to remind them about the construction of active and passive sentences.
  - Divide the class into two groups, A and B, on different sides of the room.
  - Give the students in each group a copy of the appropriate worksheet, A or B.
  - Working with another member of their own group, they should complete the sentences in writing. Everyone should write, even though they are working together.
  - When they are finished, ask them to stand up and find a partner from the other group, so they can check their results by putting their worksheets side by side. Group A has the sentences that group B was supposed to have written, and visa versa.

## Group A

Here are ten pairs of sentences about the Eiffel Tower in Paris. In each pair, finish the second sentence so that it means the same as the first.

- 1 Gustave Eiffel designed the Eiffel Tower for the Universal Exposition of 1889.

The Eiffel Tower .....

- 2 The Eiffel Tower was built between 1887 and 1889 by three hundred workers.

Three hundred .....

- 3 They used 18,038 pieces of iron to build the tower.

18,038 pieces of iron .....

- 4 At first the Eiffel Tower was not accepted by the people of Paris.

At first the people of Paris .....

- 5 Three hundred famous people signed a petition against the tower.

A petition against the tower .....

- 6 But now the tower is accepted as the most famous landmark in Paris.

But now everybody .....

- 7 Over six million people visit the Eiffel Tower every year.

The Eiffel Tower .....

- 8 Three hundred and twenty-eight steps can be climbed to reach the first platform.

You .....

- 9 They have installed lifts to take visitors up to the top.

Lifts .....

- 10 The top platform will be closed when it gets too busy.

They .....

When you have finished, find a partner from the other group and put your worksheets side by side to compare your results.

## Group B

Here are ten pairs of sentences about the Eiffel Tower in Paris. In each pair, finish the first sentence so that it means the same as the second.

- 1 Gustave Eiffel .....  
The Eiffel Tower was designed by Gustave Eiffel for the Universal Exposition of 1889.
- 2 The Eiffel Tower .....  
Three hundred workers built the Eiffel Tower between 1887 and 1889.
- 3 They .....  
18,038 pieces of iron were used to build the tower.
- 4 At first the Eiffel Tower .....  
At first the people of Paris did not accept the Eiffel Tower.
- 5 Three hundred .....  
A petition against the tower was signed by three hundred famous people.
- 6 But now the tower .....  
But now everybody accepts the tower as the most famous landmark in Paris.
- 7 Over six million people .....  
The Eiffel Tower is visited by over six million people every year.
- 8 328 steps .....  
You can climb 328 steps to reach the first platform.
- 9 They .....  
Lifts have been installed to take visitors up to the top.
- 10 The top platform .....  
They will close the top platform when it gets too busy.

When you have finished, find a partner from the other group and put your worksheets side by side to compare your results.