Active vs. Passive: When to Use Each

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1. Choose the better sentence.

Choose the better sentence for the context.

1. Someone stole my wallet. You don’t know who.
   Choices: My wallet was stolen. / A person stole my wallet. / Stolen my wallet.

   Answer: _____

2. You want to describe a process: milk -> cheese.
   Choices: The milk is heated, and then it is mixed. / Workers heat the milk and mix it. / Heated milk mixed.

   Answer: _____

3. You want to say who painted the mural.
   Choices: The mural was painted by Rivera. / The mural paints Rivera. / Painted by the mural Rivera.

   Answer: _____

4. Which active sentence matches “Tortillas are made by hand”?
   Choices: People make tortillas by hand. / Tortillas make people by hand. / People made tortillas hand.

   Answer: _____

2. Change to the passive.

Complete the passive sentence.

1. They make these shoes in León. -> These shoes ___ made in León.

2. Workers clean the streets every day. -> The streets ___ cleaned every day.

3. Someone built this house in 1950. -> This house ___ built in 1950.

4. A famous designer created this logo. -> This logo was ___ by a famous designer.

3. Active to passive.

Rewrite each sentence in the passive.

1. A factory produces these toys.

3. Active to passive. (continued)

2. Farmers grow avocados in Michoacán.

3. Write one passive sentence of your own.