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**Passive Voice**

**Overview:** Learning when to use the passive and active voice in academic writing frequently

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– take note that there might be nothing! Remember that the examples in this handout are not *rules* but *trends*; you might come across exceptions in your essays. As long as you pay attention to the *purpose* behind your sentences, you will become better and faster at identifying which is more appropriate.