A PASSIVE LIFE

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There are two voices of verbs: active and passive. Between these two, based on my personal observation, we usually use active. Nonetheless, if we tend to analyze the use of these voices, we can discover that there are situations where a particular voice should be applied. When I was still a student, I was unable to realize that, but now that I am already the one teaching, I found that this lesson is not just about being grammatically correct. This is not simply about being expert in identifying the voices nor converting active to passive and vice versa. Specifically, it is more about knowing how to express ourselves in a more pleasant and polite way.

In passive voice, we may omit the doer of the action. In doing so, the subject does not have to be necessarily be included nor mentioned anymore. In such, I think we better apply this voice form in the workplace. This practice may lessen conflicts and understanding. At the same time, name dropping will be avoided. We may also use this voice in instances where we are uncertain of the subject which usually happens if the information gained are just hearsays. For such, passive voice is definitely more appropriate and advisable to be employed.

Many say, we have to be active. But in this case, I think being passive is more preferable. Thus, we must actively live a passive life where we refrain ourselves from blaming others.

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