

The Passive Voice

- “Despite all their bravado and independence, children growing up here needed to be handled delicately”. (Aboulela, *Bird Summons*, 2019:42)
- “The prices were fixed, there were traffic lights and there was usually only one way to solve a problem”. (Aboulela, *Bird Summons*, 2019:109)
- “One of the many benefits of not smoking is that packs of cigarettes last forever” he answered. “I have had this one for almost a year. A few of them are broken near the filters, but I think this pack could easily get me to my eighteenth birthday.” (Green, *The Fault In Our Stars*, 2020:85)
- “Once your needs for food and water are fulfilled, you move up to the next set of needs, security, and then the next and the next, but the most important thing is that, according to Maslow, until our physiological needs are satisfied, you can’t even worry about security or social needs, let alone “self-actualization”, which is when you start to, like, make art and think about morality and quantum physics and stuff. (Green, *The Fault In Our Stars*, 2020:212)
- “But... why have they been rummaging here?” the governess still wondered. “A brooch has been stolen, I tell you.” (Crane, *50 Great Short Stories*, 2005:355)
- “The afternoon service was attended with similar circumstances. At its conclusion, the bell tolled for the funeral of a young lady. The relatives and friends were assembled in the house, and the more distant acquaintance stood about the door, speaking of the good qualities of the deceased, when their talk was interrupted by the appearance of Mr. Hooper, still covered with his blackveil.” (Crane, *50 Great Short Stories*, 2005:490)
- “I could not remember not being able to read hymns. Now that I was compelled to think about it, reading was something that just came to me, as learning to fasten the seat of my union suit without looking around, or achieving two bows from a snarl of shoelaces.” (Lee, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, 1982:23)
- “Judge Taylor scratched his thick white hair. It was plain that he had never been confronted with a problem of this kind.” (Lee, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, 1982:240)
- “Always, Iman was surrounded by others. She was sought after because she was decorative and enhancing.” (Aboulela, *Bird Summons*, 2019:13)
- “A nurse came in and told me I had to leave. That visitors weren’t allowed, and I asked if she was doing okay, and the nurse said, “She’s still taking on water.” A desert blessing, an ocean curse.” (Green, *The Fault In Our Stars*, 2020:313)

- “I am now to be supposed retired into my castle, after my late voyage to the wreck, my frigate laid up and secured under water, as usual, and my condition restored to what it was before: I had more wealth, indeed, than I had before, but was not at all the richer; for I had no more use for it than the Indians of Peru had before the Spaniards came there” (Robinson Crusoe, Daniel Defoe, p.191).
- “It had been observed, by wise men or women, I forget which, that all persons are doomed to be in love once in their lives” (History of Tom Jones, a Foundling, Henry Fielding, p.39).
- “I am persuaded, that by the improvements I had made in that little time I lived there, and the increase I should probably have made if I had remained, I might have been worth a hundred thousand moidores - and what business had I to leave a settled fortune, a well-stocked plantation, improving and increasing, to turn supercargo to Guinea to fetch negroes, when patience and time would have so increased our stock at home, that we could have bought them at our own door from those whose business it was to fetch them?” (Robinson Crusoe, Daniel Defoe, p.190).
- "I am sorry, exceedingly sorry," replied Darcy, in a tone of surprise and emotion, "that you have ever been informed of what may, in a mistaken light, have given you uneasiness" (Pride and Prejudice, Jane Austen p.231).
- “I was indeed terribly surprised at the sight, and stopped short within my grave, not daring to go out lest I might be surprised” (Robinson Crusoe, Daniel Defoe, p.197).
- “I was exceedingly surprised with the print of a man’s naked foot on the shore, which was very plain to be seen in the sand” (Robinson Crusoe, Daniel Defoe, p.39).
- “Mrs. Honour was agreed by both to be the proper means by which this letter should pass to Sophia” (History of Tom Jones, a Foundling, Henry Fielding, p.55).
- “The drawer was presently dispatched for Little Benjamin, who being acquainted in what capacity he was wanted, prepared himself accordingly, and attended; but with so different an air and aspect from that which he wore when his basin was under his arm, that he could scarce be known to be the same person” (History of Tom Jones, a Foundling, Henry Fielding, p.77).
- “All I can say at present is that it is well I was called as I was, and perhaps it would have been better if I had been called sooner” (History of Tom Jones, a Foundling, Henry Fielding, p.80).

- “A violent dispute arose, in which every Word may be said to have been deposed upon oath; for the oaths were at least equal to all other words spoken” (History of Tom Jones, a Foundling, Henry Fielding, p.85).
- “Since children possess nothing except those things given them by their father, it is obvious that all the rights of property either belong to him or emanate from him; quite the contrary occurs in the greater family, its general administration being established only in order to provide security for private property, which is anterior to it.” (Rousseau, J.-J. *Discourse on political economy; and, the social contract*. p. 4)
- “For each individual can have, as a man, a personal will that is contrary or dissimilar to the general will that he has as a citizen.” (Rousseau, J.-J. *Discourse on political economy; and, the social contract*. p. 58)
- “In order therefore that the social pact should not be an empty formula, it contains an implicit obligation which alone can give force to the others, that if anyone refuses to obey the general will he will be compelled to do so by the whole body; which means nothing else than that he will be forced to be free.” (Rousseau, J.-J. *Discourse on political economy; and, the social contract*. p. 58)
- “Accordingly, the smaller the relationship between the wills of individuals and the general will, that is, between moral standards and the law, the greater the force of restraint should be. If, therefore, the government is to be a good one, it must be proportionately stronger according as the size of the population increases.” (Rousseau, J.-J. *Discourse on political economy; and, the social contract*. p. 94)
- “The virtue of the Romans, engendered by their hatred of tyranny and the crimes committed by tyrants, together with their innate love of their country, meant that their houses all became so many schools for citizens; and the limitless power of fathers over children made private discipline so strict that the father was more greatly feared than the judge, acting in a domestic law-court as the censor of behaviour and the law's avenger.” (Rousseau, J.-J. *Discourse on political economy; and, the social contract*. p. 24)
- “Dues on the importation of foreign merchandise, desired by the inhabitants but not needed by the country, or on the export of merchandise produced in the country, but not to excess, and which foreigners cannot do without, or taxes on over-profitable goods produced by skills of the non-utilitarian kind, or tolls paid by townships on purely ornamental objects, and in general taxes on every item of luxury, all achieve this double

objective.” (Rousseau, J.-J. *Discourse on political economy; and, the social contract*. p. 39)

- “That is why the founders of nations have been forced in every period to resort to divine authority and attribute their own wisdom to the gods, in order that their peoples, who are subject both to the laws of the state and those of nature, should recognize the same power in the creator of man and in the creator of society, obeying freely and submitting meekly to the enforcement of public felicity.” (Rousseau, J.-J. *Discourse on political economy; and, the social contract*. p. 78)
- “Just as nature has put limits to the size of a well-formed man, and outside these limits produces only dwarfs or giants, so too, when it is a question of the best constitution for a state, there are limits to the size that it can have, in order that it should neither be too large to be well governed, nor too small to continue to exist on its own.” (Rousseau, J.-J. *Discourse on political economy; and, the social contract*. p. 81)
- “Neither a town nor a nation can legitimately be subject to another, because the essence of the body politic consists in the union of liberty with obedience, and the words subject and sovereign are precisely complementary, the concepts being united in the word citizen.” (Rousseau, J.-J. *Discourse on political economy; and, the social contract*. p. 124)
- “Thus the legislator is unable to employ either force or argument, and has to have recourse to another order of authority, which can compel without violence and win assent without arguing.” (Rousseau, J.-J. *Discourse on political economy; and, the social contract*. p. 78)
- "The secret plans were hidden deep within the ancient vault, guarded by a complex series of traps and puzzles." - "The Da Vinci Code" by Dan Brown (Page 97)
- "The city was engulfed in darkness, its streets filled with whispered rumors and unanswered questions." - "1984" by George Orwell (Page 25)
- "The painting was admired by art enthusiasts from around the world, its beauty and intricate details mesmerizing all who gazed upon it." - "The Picture of Dorian Gray" by Oscar Wilde (Page 104)
- "The house had been built in the early 18th century, its walls steeped in history and its rooms filled with the echoes of past lives." - "Jane Eyre" by Charlotte Brontë (Page 322)
- "The news of her promotion was announced to the entire company, and congratulations were offered by colleagues and superiors alike." - "The Devil Wears Prada" by Lauren Weisberger (Page 49)

- "The crime scene was meticulously examined by forensic experts, and every piece of evidence was collected for further analysis." -"Gone Girl" by Gillian Flynn (Page 76)
- "The decision was made to proceed with caution, as the potential risks and consequences were deemed too significant to ignore." -"The Hunger Games" by Suzanne Collins (Page 30)
- "The ship was boarded by pirates in the dead of night, its crew taken captive and its treasures plundered." -"Treasure Island" by Robert Louis Stevenson (Page 148)
- "The love letter was found hidden among old photographs, its words evoking a flood of emotions long forgotten." -"The Notebook" by Nicholas Sparks (Page 236)
- "The legend was passed down through generations, its origins shrouded in myth and folklore." -"Moby-Dick" by Herman Melville (Page 37)
- "Weekly, through the parched months of what was to turn out to be the last decent summer of the twentieth century, Stephen attended meetings in a gloomy room in Whitehall where, he was told, night bombing raids on Germany had been planned in 1944." (Ian McEwan, *The Child in Time*, 1992: 13)
- "Baskets and trolleys were set aside, people were converging and saying Kate's name and somehow, in no time at all, it was generally known that she was three, that she was last seen at the checkout, that she wore green dungarees and carried a toy donkey." (Ian McEwan, *The Child in Time*, 1992: 22-23)
- "Very soon the murderer of the soldier was apprehended and allegations were made that he had KGB connections and military motives." (Ian McEwan, *The Child in Time*, 1992: 42-43)
- "Newspaper columns and television screens filled with professors of deterrence who urged the importance of getting the missiles in the air before they were destroyed on the ground. (Ian McEwan, *The Child in Time*, 1992: 43)
- "In a matter of hours the supermarkets of Great Britain were emptied of sugar, tea, baked beans and soft toilet rolls." (Ian McEwan, *The Child in Time*, 1992: 43)
- "She had little idea how most of his evenings were spent." (Ian McEwan, *The Child in Time*, 1992: 56)
- "The bicycles were propped against the wall, sheltered by the eaves from the rain." (Ian McEwan, *The Child in Time*, 1992: 71)
- "He wondered, as he had many times before, how anything so good and simple could be permitted, how they were allowed to get away with it, how the world could have

taken this experience into account for so long and still be the way it was.” (Ian McEwan, *The Child in Time*, 1992: 79)

- “The voice was a strained tenor, the words enunciated with precision and caution as though language, a dangerous weapon, had only recently been acquired and might explode in its user’s face.” (Ian McEwan, *The Child in Time*, 1992: 90)
- “Was he expected to speak? Had he already been asked?” (Ian McEwan, *The Child in Time*, 1992: 91)