Passive

State whether the following sentences are in the active or passive voice.

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Active
Passive
2. His generosity surprised me.
Active
Passive
3. I have my breakfast at 8.30.
Active

4. I want to become a scientist.

Active
Passive
5. The stones were being thrown by the boys.
Active
Passive
6. The spider was killed by the boy.
Active
Passive
7. My purse has been stolen.
Active
Passive

8. The injured man was taken to the hospital.
Active
Passive
9. I was watching TV.
Active
Passive
10. The mouse was being chased by the cat.
Active
Passive
11. The master punished the boy.
Active

Active or passive voice?
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12. The trainer was breaking in the pony.
Active
Passive
13. A cobbler mends shoes.
Active
Passive
14. Tables and chairs are made by carpenters.
Active
Passive

15. We are impressed with your performance.
Active
Passive
16. Her performance enthralled the audience.
Active
Passive
17. He sells newspapers at railway stations.
Active
Passive
18. She earns 600 dollars a week.
Active

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## **Answers**

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- 3. I have my breakfast at 8.30. (Active voice)
- 4. I want to become a scientist. (Active voice)
- 5. The stones were being thrown by the boys. (Passive voice)
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- 7. My purse has been stolen. (Passive voice)
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- 10. The mouse was being chased by the cat. (Passive voice)
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- 15. We are impressed with your performance. (Passive voice)
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- 17. He sells newspapers at railway stations. (Active voice)
- 18. She earns 600 dollars a week. (Active voice)