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| Complements: Active versus Passive Noun Complements |
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| **FORM:** |  **ACTIVE** Agent + Receiver + Noun Complement **PASSIVE** Receiver + Noun Complement (+ Agent) |  |
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| **USE:** | In **active sentences**, the agent appears first and more emphasis is placed on the “doer” of the action. In **passive sentences,** the receiver appears first and there is more emphasis on the action. As with other passive sentences, the agent can be omitted if it is unknown, understood or unimportant.  |
| **EXAMPLES:** | **Agent Receiver Complement***The judges named the Canadian skater champion.* **Receiver Complement Agent** *The Canadian skater was named champion (by) the judges.*  |

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| *Change the following sentences with NOUN COMPLEMENTS from passive to active, using the “agent” provided.*  |

1. Jane is considered an excellent teacher (by the principal).

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1. Their new baby was named Ella (by the parents).

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1. A young woman was announced the new president today (by the Board of Directors).

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 4. Niagara Falls is called the Honeymoon Capital of the World (by the travel industry).

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 5. The Northern Lights are called Aurora Borealis (by scientists).

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