Verbs

Active and Passive voice

Verbs help to show whether a sentence is in the active or passive voice.

1. Change these sentences from the passive voice to the active voice.
   a) The vase was dropped on the floor by Peter.
   b) The chocolate was eaten by the mouse.

2. Change these sentences from the active voice to the passive voice.
   a) The boy climbed the fence.
   b) The girls kicked the ball into the road.
   c) The child slammed the door.

3. When would you use the passive voice? Tick the correct boxes.
   a) When you don’t know the subject of the sentence? [ ]
   b) When you don’t know what verb to use? [ ]
   c) When you are writing formally? [ ]
   d) When you are writing a letter to a friend? [ ]

Look at pages 28–29 of your Oxford Primary Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Dictionary for more on the active and passive voice.