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Active-Passive Pairs Answer Key

Correct Matches (sample answers):

- 1 → c. *The detectives solved the difficult case.* (Active)
2 → a. *The old castle was discovered by archaeologists last summer.* (Passive)
3 → j. *A surprise party was planned by their best friends.* (Passive)
4 → b. *The gardener planted the roses in neat rows.* (Active)
5 → e. *The homework was completed by the students before lunch.* (Passive)
6 → f. *The chef is being prepared in the kitchen.* (Passive – note: correct tense is “A meal is being prepared by the chef”; teacher can clarify this to highlight natural passive use)
7 → d. *The song will be remembered for generations.* (Passive)
8 → g. *The new law passed in the city council yesterday.* (Active)
9 → h. *The children were playing tag in the yard.* (Active)
10 → i. *The painting was painted by Leonardo da Vinci.* (Passive)

Teacher Notes:

- This activity reinforces how sentence halves can be recombined logically.
- Discuss why some matches don't work (e.g., “The gardener was discovered by archaeologists” doesn't make sense). This sharpens both **grammar** and **meaning awareness**.
- For item 6, point out natural phrasing: “The meal is being prepared by the chef.” If students match it literally, correct form can be modeled. This offers a good mini-teachable moment about **passive formation with present continuous**.
- Encourage students to notice how **passive voice often hides or shifts focus away from the doer**, while active voice makes the subject clear.