

RENOUF'S
EASY EXERCISES IN ENGLISH
FOR
SEVENTH YEAR PUPILS

ACTIVE AND PASSIVE VOICE.

I. Transitive verbs may take two forms. Compare these two sentences :—

The hunter shot the bear.

The bear was shot by the hunter.

These sentences express the same idea. In both it is the hunter who shot and the bear that received the shot. Yet the form of the sentences is quite different. In the first, *hunter* is the subject ; in the second, the subject is *bear*. In the first, the subject *hunter* is represented as *doing something*, which is expressed by the verb *shot*. In the second, the subject *bear* is not represented as doing anything ; the verb *was shot* indicates, on the other hand, that *something was done to him*.

A verb is said to be in the Active Voice when it represents its subject as the doer of an act.

A verb is said to be in the Passive Voice when it represents its subject as receiving the action expressed by the verb.

Only **verbs with objects** (transitive) can be used in the passive form. When a verb is changed from