

ACT PREP 1

Using Active (Not Passive) Voice

In active voice, the subject does the action and is identified BEFORE the verb. Look to see if the sentence is worded with the subject before the verb:

Ex: **Shirley** masterfully **played** the piano.

Passive voice is weaker and less direct, often omitting the subject doing the action. Notice how the subject of the sentence changes with passive voice, putting the focus elsewhere.

Ex: **The piano** was masterfully played. The piano was masterfully played by Shirley.

Practice: Underline the doer of the action. Write whether the sentence is active or passive voice.

- _____ 1. The campfire was lit by the Scout troop leader.
- _____ 2. An angry tweet was received by the troop leader from a parent.
- _____ 3. There are some parents who do not like their sons playing with fire.
- _____ 4. A stray dog was taken home from the beach by Ralph.
- _____ 5. There were a few hot dogs that were uneaten during the campout.