

# Passive Verbs vs. Active Verbs

When over-used in writing, both contractions and weak verbs cause sentences to sound dull, unimaginative. Weak passive verbs also cause awkward wordiness. Strong verbs make writing more precise and more sensory.

## OBJECTIVES:

Underline the incorrect passive verb and then provide a more precise active word. When necessary, minor additions to the sentence can be used.

1. A snake is under the porch.

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2. The storm is approaching fast.

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3. The soup is too spicy.

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4. California laws are too restrictive towards corporate industries.

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5. The weatherman said a chance for heavy rain isn't likely this afternoon.

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6. The colors of Juanita's new sweater don't match her skirt.

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7. The truck was overloaded by the construction workers with lumber.

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8. Lee's favorite tie had a stain where he spilled coffee.

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9. It was brought to my attention by Jason that his car broke down yesterday.

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10. What else can you say in his defense?

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# exercise 02