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# Active Versus Passive Voice

**Passive**

The subject does not perform the action.  
**Example:** The dog was walked by the girl.

**Active**

The subject performs the action.  
**Example:** The girl walked the dog.

**Directions:** Strengthen the following sentences by changing the voice from passive to active.

1. Many people believe that the curse was written by Shakespeare.

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2. In *High School Musical 3*, a play about graduation fears is staged by the class.

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3. Scottish poet William McGonagall is considered the “world’s worst poet” by many scholars.

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4. During William McGonagall’s poetry readings, vegetables were thrown at him by his audiences.

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5. William McGonagall’s poetry was plagued by bad rhymes and pompous statements.

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6. A review of the book *Hatchet* was written by Ryan Carroll.

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