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In a passive sentence, the subject does not perform the action.

**EXAMPLE:** “The Tell-Tale Heart” was written by Edgar Allan Poe.

In an active sentence, the subject performs the action.

**EXAMPLE:** Edgar Allan Poe wrote “The Tell-Tale Heart.”

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

1. Edgar Allan Poe (1809–1849) is considered the father of modern horror fiction by many scholars.

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2. Orphaned before his third birthday, Poe was raised by foster parents in Virginia.

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3. Many dark and brilliant stories and poems were written by him.

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4. A new literary genre at the time, the short story was developed by Poe and his contemporaries.

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5. Through Poe’s “The Purloined Letter” and other tales, the genre of detective fiction was invented.

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6. In Poe’s crime stories, readers are taken inside the mind of a clever detective.

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7. Poe’s “The Tell-Tale Heart” was written from the point of view of an unreliable narrator.

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8. The truth is misrepresented by unreliable narrators.

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9. What really happened must be discovered by the reader.

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10. Today, Poe is considered by many to be one of the greatest American authors of the 19th century.

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