

Have I used an active voice?

You have used an active voice if the subject in a sentence is doing the action. See the examples below. Active voice adds energy and clarity. (See 726.1.)

PASSIVE VOICE

The tornado was photographed by a student.
(The subject *tornado* is not doing the action.)

ACTIVE VOICE

A student photographed the tornado.
(The subject *student* is doing the action.)

IP/T Rewrite each of the following sentences, changing the passive voice to active voice.

1. Due to severe storms the film festival at the community center was canceled by officials.
2. My sisters and I were told the news by our parents, who had planned an all-day party.
3. An alternative plan for a "Davis Family Film Festival" was made by my parents.
4. Old videos from the time we all were kids were pulled out of storage by Dad.
5. Movies such as *Aladdin* and *The Iron Giant* were enjoyed by everyone, and popcorn was eaten by us in mass quantities.