

# UNIVERSITY WRITING PROGRAM

## MAKING PASSIVE SENTENCES ACTIVE

**Directions:** Rewrite each of these sentences in the active voice.

1. The computer was smashed by the young woman when it lost her research essay.
2. To the students' delight, the cafeteria in Usdan was destroyed by a major blizzard.
3. Tiktok is used by students as a means of making funny videos to share with their friends.
4. The window in my friend's dorm was struck by a wild turkey.
5. Internet blogs are read by many students.
6. After protests by students against the incredibly bad cafeteria food, the administration expanded Einstein's.
7. Harry was temporarily paralyzed by Voldemort's curse.
8. A penalty kick was stopped by the Brandeis goalie, so they won the state soccer championship.
9. Starbucks coffee is loved by many people.
10. The students were annoyed by the tedious grammar exercises given to them by their instructor.

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