Exercise: Writing Clear Sentence - Use Active Voice

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Exercise A:

Change these sentences from passive to active voice.

- 1. The baseball trophy was presented by the coach.
- 2. The birthday card was signed by all his coworkers.
- 3. The sprinklers were turned on when the gardener started his yard work.
- 4. Income taxes were increased too much.
- 5. The tests were distributed before the students began their discussion.
- 6. A black hole is created by the collapse of a dead star.
- 7. Your figures have been reanalyzed by the accountant to determine where the errors occurred.
- The plight of the homeless can be demonstrated by a clear description of their daily activities.
- 9. The carrots were eaten by the hungry rabbit.
- 10. The college art awards were won by Francesca and Peter.

Exercise B:

Revise one of your essays so that all the sentences are in active voice. Discuss your revisions with your instructor.