

Language Handbook **3** Using Verbs

**WORKSHEET 7** Using Active and Passive Voice (Rules 3 g, h)

**Exercise A** Decide whether each of the following sentences is written in the active or the passive voice. On the line provided, write *AV* for active voice or *PV* for passive voice.

**EXAMPLES** AV 1. Daniel has purchased several books on landscape design.  
PV 2. Several books on landscape design have been purchased by Daniel.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Sprinter Evelyn Ashford took home two gold medals from the 1984 Olympics.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. The cucumbers and the tomatoes will be planted by next week.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. The artwork of painter Pop Chalee reflects the traditions of the Pueblo people.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. The roof of Aunt Vicki's house has been badly damaged by the high winds.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. The children's sculptures have been displayed in a case at the public library.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Many bird books from the early 1900s are graced by the illustrations of Louis Fuentes.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. In the attic Dad found an old letter from his great uncle.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Kaya and Sabina have been working on their science project for three weeks.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Large donations were sent by several anonymous individuals.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Snapping turtles defend themselves with their strong, sharp jaws.

**Exercise B** Decide whether each sentence is written in the active voice or the passive voice. If a sentence is in active voice, write *ACTIVE*. If it is in passive voice, rewrite it in active voice.

**EXAMPLE 1.** Our house will be painted by two professional painters.  
*Two professional painters will paint our house.*

- 1. The press releases have been sent to the newspaper by Christie.  
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- 2. The report on Pocahontas was written by Ben.  
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- 3. I was beaten to the finish line by two other runners.  
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- 4. The crafts fair was organized by the student council.  
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- 5. Several swim team members were planning to attend the banquet.  
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