Keep Voice Moving

Track active voice across a short text.

10.L.GC.2.c "Maintain consistent use of active voice throughout a text for deliberate effect. (C)"

NAME _____ DATE _____

ACTIVE

Every sentence uses active voice. The subject performs the action in each sentence.

The sculptor shaped the clay. She displayed her work at the fair.

SHIFTED

The text includes a passive-voice sentence, so it does not stay active throughout. In passive voice, the action happens to the subject.

The violinist practiced a solo. The program was designed by the conductor.

1 SORT

8 items

Read each mini-text and circle ACTIVE or SHIFTED based on whether it maintains active voice in every sentence.

1.	Jordan packed the first-aid kit. He checked the map before sunrise.	ACTIVE SHIFTED
2.	The debate team researched local policies. Its captain assigned each speaker a topic.	ACTIVE SHIFTED
3.	Mina designed the poster. The final copies were printed by the office staff.	ACTIVE SHIFTED
4.	A strong wind bent the grass. The campers secured their tents.	ACTIVE SHIFTED
5.	The chef sliced the pears. The dessert was served after dinner.	ACTIVE SHIFTED
6.	Our class collected canned food. The donations were counted by volunteers. The principal announced the total.	ACTIVE SHIFTED
7.	The mechanic tested the brakes. A warning label was attached to the dashboard.	ACTIVE SHIFTED
8.	The software team fixed the error. They released an update that evening.	ACTIVE SHIFTED

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write a new two-sentence mini-text for each category, using active voice in both sentences for ACTIVE and including one passive-voice sentence for SHIFTED.

ACTIVE

SHIFTED

CHALLENGE

Rewrite this three-sentence text so every sentence uses active voice: The astronomy club planned the event. The invitations were mailed by Noor. The guests watched the telescope demonstration.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Jordan packed the first-aid kit. He checked the map before sunrise.	**ACTIVE**	Both sentences use active voice, with Jordan and he performing the actions.
2	The debate team researched local policies. Its captain assigned each speaker a topic.	**ACTIVE**	The debate team and captain perform the actions.
3	Mina designed the poster. The final copies were printed by the office staff.	**SHIFTED**	The second sentence uses passive voice, "were printed."
4	A strong wind bent the grass. The campers secured their tents.	**ACTIVE**	The wind and campers perform the actions.
5	The chef sliced the pears. The dessert was served after dinner.	**SHIFTED**	The second sentence uses passive voice, "was served."
6	Our class collected canned food. The donations were counted by volunteers. The principal announced the total.	**SHIFTED**	The middle sentence uses passive voice, "were counted."
7	The mechanic tested the brakes. A warning label was attached to the dashboard.	**SHIFTED**	The second sentence uses passive voice, "was attached."
8	The software team fixed the error. They released an update that evening.	**ACTIVE**	The software team and they perform the actions.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **ACTIVE**: The hikers crossed the bridge. They reached the lake before noon.
- **SHIFTED**: Lena organized the supplies. The labels were checked by her partner.

Challenge: The astronomy club planned the event. Noor mailed the invitations. The guests watched the telescope demonstration.

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item. For Part 2, accept explanations that correctly identify who performs the action in an active sentence and identify the passive verb phrase in a shifted text. For Part 3, check that the ACTIVE mini-text has active voice in both sentences and that the SHIFTED mini-text includes at least one passive-voice sentence.