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Using the Passive Voice

EXERCISE A: - The following sentences are in the passive voice.

Above each sentence, rewrite it in the active voice.

Example:

Dylan brought the food into the table.

1. The food was brought into the table by Dylan.

1. Those books was donated by a group of teenagers.
2. A faculty staff was invited to the guidance office for an interview.
3. These letters was written by my grandfather from the 1900's.
4. A report was sent by the company to the publishing office.
5. We were given a second set of test by our teacher.

EXERCISE B: - The following sentences are all in the passive voice. For each sentence, determine whether the sentence would be better (more direct, forceful, or concise) in the active voice. If so, rewrite it in the space above the sentence. If you think the sentence should stay in the passive voice, write PV on the line provided.

Example:

Annie and James donated their old clothes.

..... 1. The old clothes were donated by Annie and James.

_____ 6. Angeline was mentioned to be a part of the show.

_____ 7. The dog was kicked out.

_____ 8. My Mom was awarded as the employee of the month.

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_____ 9. The movie was enjoyed by many audience.

_____ 10. The announcement was broadcast earlier.

_____ 11. Alex was chosen to be the group leader.

_____ 12. George was sent to the detention room.

_____ 13. A college math problem was solved by a genius grade-school student.

_____ 14. The roasted turkey was prepared for the celebration tonight

_____ 15. The most delicious pie in town is made by my mom.

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Answer Keys:

EXERCISE A

1. A group of teenagers donated those books.
2. The guidance office invited a faculty staff to interview.
3. My grandfather wrote these letters in 1900's.
4. The company sent a report to the publishing office.
5. Our teacher gave us a second set of the test.

EXERCISE B

(Answers may vary.)

6. PV
7. PV
8. The employee of the month is awarded to my Mom.
9. Many audience enjoyed the movie.
10. PV
11. PV
12. PV
13. The genius grade-school student solved a college math problem.
14. PV
15. My mom made the most delicious pie in town.