



## Active & Passive Voice

Great sentences have excellent verbs. Remember, **verbs** are words that describe an **action** or occurrence. Verbs are very important because they tell us what is happening.

In a sentence written in **active voice**, the **subject of sentence performs the action**. For example:

Clara jumped the fence.

I wrote the best selling book.

In a sentence written in the **passive voice** the subject receives the action.

The fence **was jumped** by Clara.

The best selling book **was written** by me.

Great sentences have very specific verbs, in the *active voice*.

Maddy **grasped** the handle.

Jordan **scattered** the leaves.

Cadence **skated** over the ice.

Diego's little dog **shook** the bone.

Here's some examples of how choosing a good verb, in the active voice, strengthens the sentence.

The party **was enjoyed** by all my friends.

All my friends **enjoyed** the party.

Our planet **was invaded** by aliens.

The aliens **invaded** our planet!

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