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.

8. 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.