

Tightening Passive Sentences: Exercise 1

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All of the following sentences are without agents. Revise each of them by adding an appropriate agent and putting the sentence into active form.

Example sentence: The river had been polluted by the oil refinery.

Revision: The oil refinery polluted the river.

1. The accident was caused by the captain's insistence upon his ship's right-of-way.
2. The body was discovered by the night custodian..
3. Inexperienced workers are not hired by the company.
4. The bait was taken by the trout.
5. The organization of the quality control department was immediately changed by the new manager.
6. The ball of yarn was unraveled by the kitten.
7. Her heart was broken by him.
8. The entire wedding procession was wiped out by a stick of misdirected bombs from a B-52.

9. The music was provided by a gospel group.

10. *The Prince*, a forerunner of modern political theory, was written by Machiavelli.