

The Paramedic Method
(a way to rid your writing of passive voice)

1. Find all the state of being verbs in the sentence and underline them.
2. Find the **by** prepositional phrases
3. Ask “Who is (verb)ing who?”
4. Restate the sentence in the active voice.
5. Find all the **of** prepositions.
6. See if you can make adjectives of the objects of the prepositions.

Passive voice

Joe was kicked by his sister.
Who kicked whom?

Joe’s sister kicked him.

The Building Construction class of Snow College built the house of the President of Snow College.

The letter was taken to the mail room of Snow College by a student. It was to have been mailed by its author who was detained by the police at his apartment.