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### Be Your Own Editor: Getting ACTIVE Part II

Another way to eliminate the passive voice is to rewrite the sentence, using a different approach and verb.

*Passive:* A poll was taken recently by the staff of *The Torch* in which a decline was shown in the number of male student smokers. (22 words)

*Improved:* A recent *Torch* poll shows a decline in the number of male student smokers. (14 words)

-or- The number of male student smokers has declined, according to a recent *Torch* poll. (14 words)

**Directions:** Rewrite the following sentences to eliminate the passive voice. You may use the active voice of the verb given or rewrite the sentences with a different verb and approach. You may want to divide some sentences into several clearer, shorter ones.

1. The complaints that have been made by students about the school cafeteria food are being taken into serious consideration while the new menu is being planned by a committee, headed by cafeteria manager Mrs. Harriet Garvey.

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2. Simulated air raid drills were held in Mr. Dale Dart's American history classes to show how students were made to take part in air raid drills during the Cold War with Russia so they would be prepared if enemy attacks were made on the U.S. mainland.

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3. Socializing between classes must be targeted before efforts to control tardiness to class can be successful, states Mrs. Pamela Early, dean of students.

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4. Elimination of senior courtyard privileges is being discussed by the administration because of accusations that the rights have been abused and complaints have been received about noise from teachers in nearby classrooms and discarded trash from school custodians.

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5. Juanita Sanchez, Byrnehurst senior, has been selected to represent the school in acitywide seminar which will be Tuesday, March 5, when coordinating activities for the Summer Peace and Fun program will be discussed.

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