

## ACTIVE OR PASSIVE VERBS

When writing, as in life, it is more exciting to be active than passive. See if you can identify which verb phrases are passive and which are active.

**Directions:** Place a squiggly line under the verb phrase. Then, on the line next to the sentence, write an **A** for active or a **P** for passive. When you are finished, show your active verb form by raising both hands and waving at your teacher. If your answers are correct, you'll receive raffle tickets.

**Example:** Juliet's father is asked by Paris for her hand in marriage. P

1. In the opening scene of the play, "Romeo and Juliet," Benvolio, a Montague, strives to stop a brawl. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Paris is asked to wait two years before marrying Juliet. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Romeo is discovered at the Capulet feast by Tybalt. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Romeo espies Juliet in her window speaking his name. \_\_\_\_\_
5. A ladder is procured by Juliet's nurse to let Romeo climb up to her room. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Tybalt is slain in a rage by Romeo. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Juliet plans a ruse with Friar Lawrence. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Romeo believes that Juliet is dead. \_\_\_\_\_
9. Romeo is stricken by this devastating news. \_\_\_\_\_
10. Romeo refuses to live without Juliet. \_\_\_\_\_

**Remember:**  
Passive voice always  
has a helping verb!

