

**Review the following pairs of sentences, each of which is grammatically correct. For each pair discuss the difference in voice and discuss why a writer might use one over the other.**  
**(adapted from *Language Power*)**

1a. The house was torn apart by a gas explosion.

1b. A gas explosion tore apart the house.

2a. The rebel opposition won the election.

2b. The election was won by the rebel opposition.

3a. The American White House was built by slaves.

3b. Slaves built the American White House.

4a. The Declaration of Independence was signed by 56 men.

4b. Fifty-six men signed the Declaration of Independence.

5a. The Hippocratic Oath states that doctors must do no harm.

5b. The Hippocratic Oath states that no harm must be done by doctors.