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### Week 8 Grammar Exercise

This week I learned that "Voice tells whether a subject is acting or being acted upon." I have had trouble with active and passive voice, so I was pleased to learn how to correct it. I also learned that "when the subject is acting, the verb is in the active voice." And, "When the subject is being acted upon, however, the verb is in the passive voice."

Both exercises were pretty easy to understand; however, I did answer one wrong in activity 3. Activity 3, and also in 4.

Incorrect: Mauricio would have (rode) the seven-foot wave into shore if a huge shark had not been patrolling the waters underneath the surfboard, hoping for a dangling arm or leg.

Explanation: Rode is the simple past. I cannot use the simple past if I have auxiliary verbs like would and have.

Correct: Mauricio would have (ridden) the seven-foot wave into shore if a huge shark had not been patrolling the waters underneath the surfboard, hoping for a dangling arm or leg.

#### Activity 4

Incorrect: At the beginning of class, Matt realized that he [had forgotten](#) the essay he ([had wrote](#)) at 4 a.m., so he smeared blood-like streaks of red pen at the corners of his mouth and told his instructor, Dr. Borglum, that muggers [had beaten](#) him up before stealing his backpack.

Correct: At the beginning of class, Matt realized that he [had forgotten](#) the essay he ([had written](#)) at 4 a.m., so he smeared blood-like streaks of red pen at the corners of his mouth and told his instructor, Dr. Borglum, that muggers [had beaten](#) him up before stealing his backpack.

Explanation: The second verb, had wrote, is incorrect. This verb requires the past participle written because of the auxiliary verb had.

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