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Focus On The Receiver Answer Key

Sample Rewrite (Passive Voice):

Yesterday, three witnesses were interviewed by the reporter outside the library. The evidence was gathered carefully by the police officer. Later, the results of the investigation were announced by the mayor at a press conference. Finally, the mayor's efforts to keep the city safe were applauded by the citizens.

Reflection (Sample):

The active voice makes the story more direct and engaging because it highlights who is doing each action. Passive voice, however, can shift focus to the actions themselves.

Teacher Notes:

- Encourage students to **compare sentence rhythm**: passive voice often feels longer and less direct, which can be useful in some contexts (formal reports, scientific writing).
- Ask students to underline the verb phrases in both versions to see how **auxiliary verbs ("was/were + past participle")** create passive structures.
- Extend the activity: provide a **second paragraph written in passive voice** and have students convert it back into active.
- This helps them see how **voice choice changes emphasis** in writing.