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Direct Play Answer Key

Sample Active Rewrite:

The team played the soccer game on Saturday afternoon. The crowd gave a loud cheer when they scored the first goal. Marco kicked the winning point in the last few minutes. After the game, the coach presented the trophy to the players. Finally, the team celebrated in the locker room.

Reflection (Sample):

Active voice is stronger in sports writing because it makes the action feel faster, more direct, and more exciting.

Teacher Notes:

- Students practice **identifying overuse of passive voice** and revising for clarity.
- The sports theme demonstrates how **voice affects tone**: active voice is lively and energetic, while passive can feel distant.
- For differentiation:
 - Beginners can convert sentence by sentence.
 - Advanced students can rewrite the whole passage fluidly.
- Extension: Provide a new passive-heavy paragraph (e.g., a science experiment or news report) for students to “edit for clarity.”