

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Best Voice Wins Answer Key

Sample Answers (other answers may be acceptable if justified):

1. *The firefighters saved the house during the storm.* → Active (emphasizes firefighters as heroes).
2. *The jewels were stolen from the museum.* → Passive (keeps the thief's identity hidden).
3. *The acid was poured into the beaker.* → Passive (focuses on the process, not the person).
4. *Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone in 1876.* → Active (spotlights the inventor's achievement).
5. *Marco scored the winning goal in the last minute.* → Active (keeps the player in focus and builds excitement).

Teacher Notes:

- This activity helps students see that **voice is a choice**, not just a correction.
- Discuss how **active voice = clarity and directness**, while **passive voice = focus shift, objectivity, or suspense**.
- Accept any well-justified answers; the key is in the student's explanation of **why** one voice works better in context.
- Extension: Provide short paragraphs and ask students to rewrite **two versions** (all active vs. all passive) and then evaluate tone differences.