

**Exercise 1: Rewrite the following excerpt in the active voice.**

The investigation into the Johal noise complaint was conducted on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Noise measurements were taken at 50 m intervals in a direct line from the wind turbine toward the Johal residence. The line was deviated from at the pond, at which point measurements had to be taken around the perimeter of the pond until the original line of travel was able to be resumed.

*We investigated the Johal noise complaint on May 15th, taking noise measurements at 50 m intervals in a line from the wind turbine toward the Johal residence. We had to deviate from this line at the pond, taking measurements around its perimeter until we were able to resume the original line of travel. (active voice)*

**With a partner, discuss which version you prefer and why.**

**Exercise 2: Identify and fix the problems in the following sentences.**

1. Place the new board in the slot. Then, the board should be pushed in gently until it clicks into place.

**Parallel Structure.** *Place the new board in the slot. Then, push the board gently until it clicks into place.*

2. The operator should follow the instructions in Part 2. Do not change the pin settings.

**Parallel Structure.** *Follow the instructions in part 2. Do not change the pin settings.*

3. When travelling at the speed of sound, the moon is approximately 320 hours away.

**Dangling modifier.** *An object traveling at the speed of sound will reach the moon in approximately 320 hours.*

4. Measurement of temperature is done in degrees of Fahrenheit or Celsius, and its indications are by colored marks on the outside of the thermometer.

**Real Verb.** *Temperature is measured in degrees of Fahrenheit or Celsius and is indicated by colored marks on the outside of the thermometer.*

5. When there is a very strong build-up at the front of the plane, it is what is known as a shock wave.

*When a very strong build-up occurs at the front end of the plane, a shock wave occurs.*

6. We found the spill during the inspection on the floor.

**Real Verb.** *We found the spill when we inspected the floor.*

7. When changing engine oil, always perform a check of the owner's manual to find the correct and exact amount and type of oil filter needed.

**Wordy. Indirect.** *Always check of the owner's manual to find the correct type of oil filter needed.*