

EXERCISE 8-2 Active verbs Before working this exercise, read section 8 in *Rules for Writers*, Fifth Edition.

In the paired sentences below, circle the letter of the sentence that makes better use of its verbs. Be ready to explain your choice. Example:

a. On his second attempt, Frederick was able to escape by pretending to be a sailor.

b. On his second attempt, Frederick escaped slavery by pretending to be a sailor.

1a. The use of another man's sailing papers was the way Frederick got as far as Philadelphia.

b. Frederick used another man's sailing papers to get as far as Philadelphia.

2a. He did not even consider the possibility of staying in Philadelphia.

b. The possibility of staying in Philadelphia was not even considered by him.

3a. In Philadelphia, he asked the first black man he saw how to get to New York.

b. In Philadelphia, the first black man he saw was asked how to get to New York.

4a. Arriving in New York was what made Frederick feel safe.

b. Arriving in New York made Frederick feel safe.

5a. Luckily, a sympathetic abolitionist found Frederick before a slave catcher could find him.

b. Luckily, Frederick was found by a sympathetic abolitionist before a slave catcher could find him.