

## List of Active Verbs for Proposals

It is most effective to use voice through out the grant.

Example:

I taught (Active) vs. I was (have been) taught [by some one]

So for each one of these verbs you can have the passive verb as well. Ie, was assessed, was analyzed, etc.

Here are the action verbs we can used to state our specific aims:

### **Strong, Active Verbs Sample**

Assess  
Analyze  
Address  
Administer  
Attain  
Determine  
Identify  
Investigate  
Represent  
Clarify  
Combine  
Compare  
Describe  
Improve  
Establish  
Enhance  
Estimate  
Examine

### **Red Flags especially for R01)**

Explore  
Describe  
Characterize  
Examine