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Using the Right Voice for the Purpose

When you write with a **confident voice**, your writing becomes more convincing. Why? Because a strong and steady voice reassures readers and makes your message persuasive.

Entertaining writing often includes enthusiasm to keep readers engaged. However, in some forms of writing, a **neutral** and clear **voice** is more suitable.

A. Read the recipe below. Rewrite the directions to use a more neutral and straightforward voice.

Spaghetti with Fresh Tomato Sauce

Ingredients

1 lb spaghetti	2 Tablespoons olive oil
Pinch of salt	1 Tablespoon chopped garlic
½ teaspoon black pepper	4 cups fresh tomatoes, diced
¾ cup vegetable broth	1 teaspoon dried oregano
½ cup grated Parmesan cheese	

Directions

First, cook the spaghetti according to the package instructions. Drain it well and set it aside.

Next, heat the olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the garlic and cook for about one minute. Do not let it burn.

Then, stir in the tomatoes, oregano, salt, and pepper. Let the mixture simmer for three to four minutes, stirring occasionally.

Finally, add the spaghetti to the skillet. Mix gently with the broth until combined. Top with Parmesan cheese. Serve warm.

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B. Read the persuasive essay. Rewrite to have a confident and more persuasive voice.

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Boil the spaghetti according to the instructions on the package.

Drain it carefully and place it aside.

In a large skillet, heat the olive oil over medium heat. Add the garlic, and cook for one minute. Do not allow it to brown.

Add the diced tomatoes, oregano, salt, and pepper. Stir the mixture occasionally, and let it cook for three to four minutes.

Now, combine the spaghetti with the sauce. Pour in the broth, and mix until everything is well blended. Sprinkle Parmesan on top. Serve immediately.

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School cafeterias must serve healthier food. Junk food makes students unhealthy and lowers their energy. By providing fresh fruits and vegetables, schools will help students feel stronger, focus better, and build lifelong healthy habits.