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- To make your writing more specific and engaging.
- To avoid unnecessary words and keep your writing concise.

Adverbs and prepositions can sometimes make sentences feel dull or repetitive. Instead, focus on choosing the most precise verb for the action.

Rewrite each sentence using strong, active verbs to make the writing more vivid and concise.

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5. The weightlifter tightly held his gold medal during the ceremony.

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Read the paragraph below. Underline the errors in subject-verb agreement. Correct below the lines.

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The fans leaped from their seats when the gymnast landed.
2. The skydiver quickly pulled the cord to deploy her parachute.
The skydiver yanked the cord to deploy her parachute.
3. Favorable winds really helped the sailing team's chance for gold.
Favorable winds propelled the sailing team toward gold.

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Other athletes lingered to watch the famous diver.

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The weightlifter clutched his gold medal during the ceremony.

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The parents scanned the large crowd for their son.

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