

“Wow” Prompt
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A Dream Come True

It’s sometimes incredibly boring to listen to other people talk about their dreams, but always incredibly fun to talk at length about your own. Well, now’s your chance: Describe your most terrifying nightmare, or a recurring dream, and the dream you wish had been real.

From Passive to Active

“We have not passed that subtle line between childhood and adulthood until we move from the passive voice to the active voice—that is, until we have stopped saying ‘It got lost,’ and say, ‘I lost it.’” – Sidney J. Harris

Harris uses grammar to make a larger point: that only when we start taking responsibility for our actions can we call ourselves adults. Write about a moment when you were tempted to use the passive voice (that is, refuse to take responsibility) but ultimately decided to use the active voice.