



Spring Active and Passive Voice Activity

The **subject** of a sentence is the person or thing that does an action.

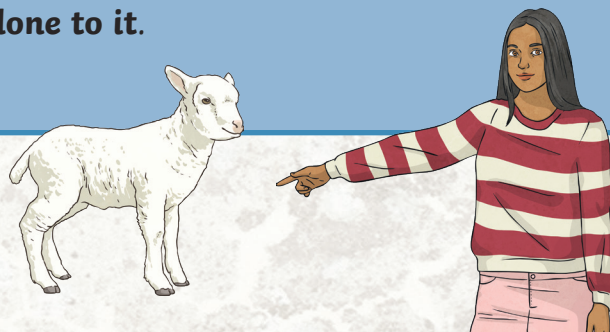
The **verb** is the action of the sentence. Every sentence needs a verb or a verb phrase.

The **object** in a sentence is the person or thing that has the action of the verb done to it.

“Rachel is watching the lamb.”

Rachel is the **subject** of the sentence: she is the person who **is doing the action**.

The **object** in this sentence is the lamb. It is on the receiving end of the action: **it is having the action done to it**.



Task 1

Underline the subject and object in these sentences. Use two different colours.

1. Tom plays the flute.
2. I am reading a very interesting book.
3. Clare is going to the cinema.
4. George is eating a banana.
5. Paul is having a party on Saturday.

4. Amina cared for the newly hatched chicks.

5. In June, adult bats will catch thousands of insects each night.

Task 3

Change the following passive sentences to active.

1. The eggshell was broken by the hatching chick.

2. The woods were visited by Ciara, so she could see the bluebells.

3. The frogspawn was laid by the frog in the pond.

4. The baby birds in the nest were fed by their parents.

5. The hares were spotted 'boxing' in the field by Ben.

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Fill in the blanks.

In a sentence, the **subject** does the action and the **object** has the **action** done to it.

Task 2

Change the following active sentences to passive.

1. **Lots of flowers are being bought by people for Mother's Day.**
2. **Every spring, the whole house is cleaned by Malachy.**
3. **Each lamb's bleat is recognised by the ewe.**
4. **The newly hatched chicks were cared for by Amina.**
5. **In June, thousands of insects will be caught by bats each night.**



Task 3

Change the following passive sentences to active. Underline the subject first, to help you get started.

1. **The hatching chick broke the eggshell.**
2. **Ciara visited the woods, so she could see the bluebells.**
3. **The frog laid the frogspawn in the pond.**
4. **The parents fed the baby birds in the nest.**
5. **Ben spotted the hares 'boxing' in the field.**