



## Spring Active and Passive Voice Activity

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

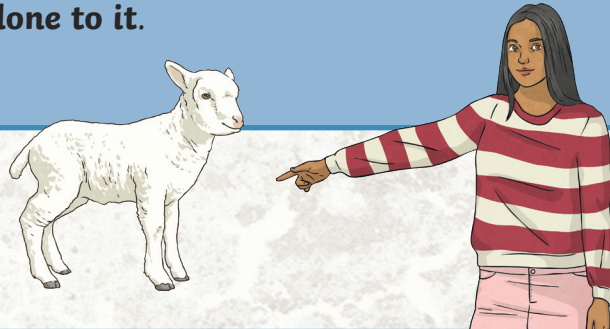
The **verb** is the action of the sentence. Every sentence needs a verb or a verb phrase.

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.

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

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### Task 3

**Change the following passive sentences to active.**

1. The eggshell was broken by the hatching chick.

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

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

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

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

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## Spring Active and Passive Voice Activity: **Answers**

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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.**