

What Are Subjects and Objects?

Can you write definitions for 'subjects' and 'objects'?

Subject

The subject is the person, noun phrase, pronoun or thing which does the verb in a clause.



Object

The object is the person, noun phrase, pronoun or thing which usually comes directly after the verb; it shows what the verb is acting on.

Do you and your partner agree?

Identifying Parts of the Sentence

In these simple sentences, can you identify the **subject** and **object** of the sentence?

He sang to me.

Nicole stared at all the people.

We all love skiing.

Pronouns as Subjects and Objects

Now, sort these simple sentences into the correct places in the table below:

Pronoun as Subject

Pronoun as Object

Pronoun as Subject and Object

At dinner, Sophie ate it quickly.

He makes too much noise.

He sang to me.

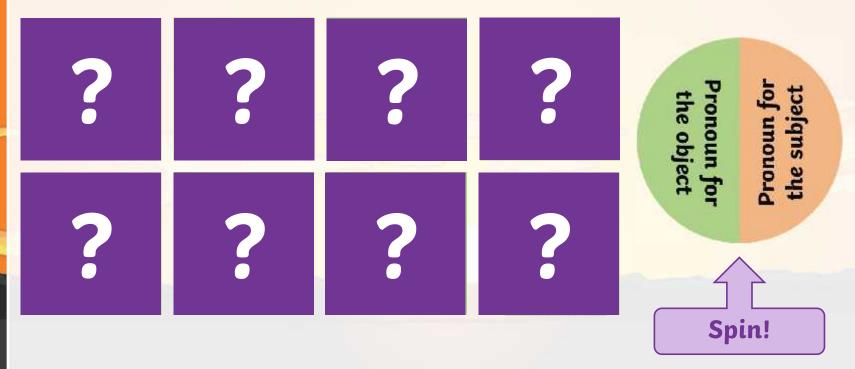
Amir gave it to her.

Honestly, I don't like it. They were always dancing.

Now, we live in Wales.

Your Turn: Pronouns as Subjects or Objects

Choose a square to reveal a picture. Write a sentence about the picture. Spin the wheel to decide whether you need to use a pronoun for the subject or the object of the sentence:



Noun Phrases as Subjects and Objects

Now, sort these simple sentences into the correct places in the table below:

Noun Phrase as Subject

Accidentally, **the old lady**broke it.

The heroic princess rescued him.

Noun Phrase as Object

In the distance, we saw a dark, gloomy house.

She stroked the fluffy, ginger kitten.

Noun Phrase as Subject and Object

The quiet boy wrote an amazing adventure story.

During the lesson, the excited girls rehearsed the tricky street dance routine.

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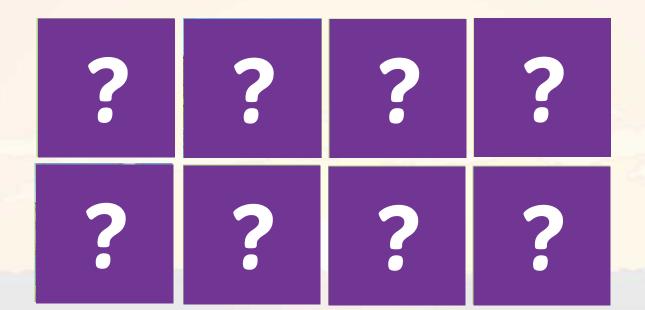
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Your Turn: Noun Phrases as Subjects or Objects

Choose a square to reveal a picture. Write a sentence about the picture that has a noun phrase for the subject and the object of the sentence:



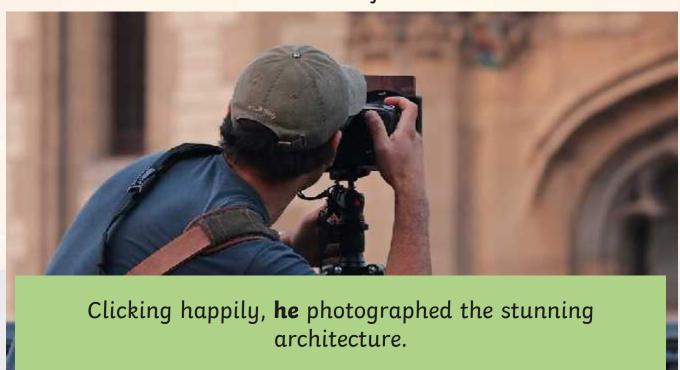
Your Turn: Super Subjects

Can you write a description of this photo using a noun phrase as the subject?



Your Turn: Super Subjects

Can you write a description of this photo using a pronoun as the subject?



Your Turn: Outstanding Objects

Can you write a description of this photo using a noun phrase as the object?



Your Turn: Outstanding Objects

Can you write a description of this photo using a pronoun as the object?



During the parade, the piper played it expertly.



Active or Passive?

Sentences can be written in the active voice or passive voice.

Can you write a definition of these?

Active Voice

The **subject** performs the **action** and usually comes before the verb.

The **object** is who or what receives the **action** and usually comes after the **action**.

Passive Voice

The **subject** performs the **action** and usually comes after the verb.

The **object** is who or what receives the **action** and usually comes before the **action**.

Often the word 'by' is used to indicate this.

Do you and your partner agree?

Active or Passive?

Sort these sentences into the correct place in the table:

Active Voice

Passive Voice

After school, the playground was cleaned by the caretaker.

In drama, we performed the play.

We were visited by my nana during the holidays.

Despite my exhaustion, I scaled the world's tallest mountain.

Subject and Object in Passive Sentences

Can you identify the subject and object of these passive sentences?



After school, the playground was cleaned by the caretaker.

We were visited by my nana during the holidays.

Quick Quiz 1

Identify the subjects in the following sentences:

On the journey, the cheerful bus driver whistled a tune.

In his spare time, William enjoys making models.

I like eating enormous ice creams at the café.





Identify the **objects** in these sentences:

I climbed the tallest tree in the park yesterday.

In the morning, Dad emptied the dishwasher.

Luckily, I saw the beautiful, bright sunset last night.

Quick Quiz 3

Identify the sentence written in the passive voice:

On our Sunday lunch, the vegetables were grown by my grandad.

We all enjoy gardening.

At weekends, Mimi loves playing on the trampoline.



Frazer accidentally broke the greenhouse window with his football.



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