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LO: I can use the passive voice



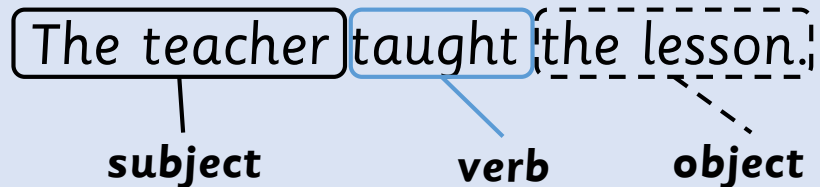
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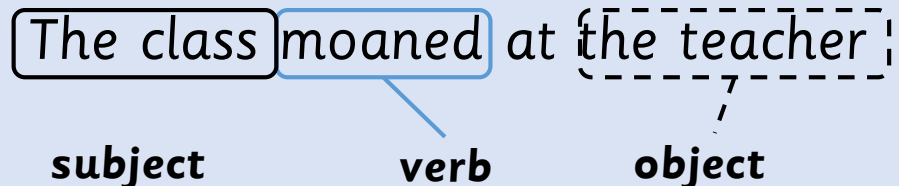
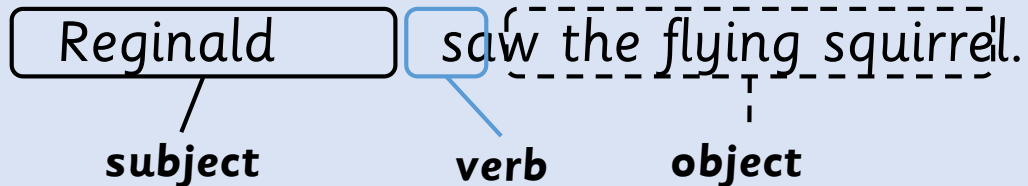
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Come and identify the subject of these sentences...

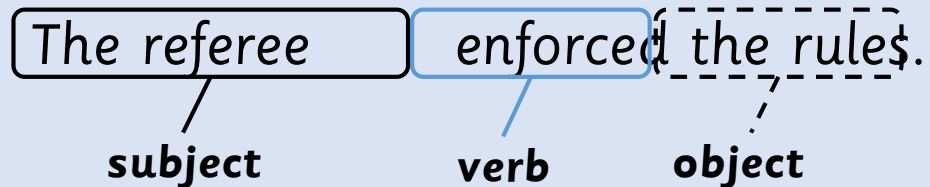


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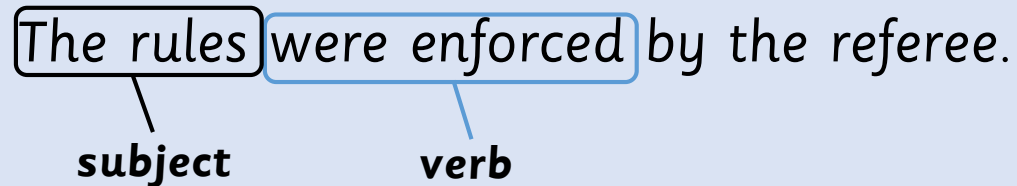
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Sometimes, we can make what would normally be the **object** the **subject** of the sentence. Now, the **verb** is 'done to' the **subject**:



When the **object** becomes the **subject** like this, we call it the **passive voice**.

In the **active voice**, the **subject** does the verb.

In the **passive voice**, the **verb** is 'done to' the **subject**.

The dog devoured the bowl of food.

A diagram showing the sentence "The dog devoured the bowl of food." with labels and lines. "The" is connected to "dog" by a dashed line. "dog" is connected to "devoured" by a solid blue line. "devoured" is connected to "bowl" by a solid blue line. "bowl" is connected to "of food" by a dashed line. Below "dog" is the label "subject", below "devoured" is "verb", and below "bowl" is "object".

subject **verb** **object**

The **subject** is doing the **verb**.

This is the **active voice**.

The bowl of food was devoured by the dog. The **verb** is being 'done to' the **subject**.

A diagram showing the sentence "The bowl of food was devoured by the dog." with labels and lines. "The" is connected to "bowl" by a dashed line. "bowl" is connected to "of food" by a dashed line. "of food" is connected to "was" by a solid blue line. "was" is connected to "devoured" by a solid blue line. Below "bowl" is the label "subject", and below "was" is "verb".

subject **verb**

This is the **passive voice**.

Notice how what would normally be the **object** in the **active voice** has switched to become the **subject** in the **passive voice**.

Active voice: When the subject of a sentence performs an action.

Mr H adores crisps.

Passive voice: A sentence is in the passive voice when the subject (noun) is acted on by the verb.

Crisps are adored by Mr H.

Subject: Mr H

Action/verb: adore

Object: crisps

Active voice: When the subject of a sentence performs an action.

Tottenham beat Manchester City.

Passive voice: A sentence is in the passive voice when the subject (noun) is acted on by the verb.

Manchester City was beaten by Tottenham.

Subject: Tottenham Action/verb: beat Object: Manchester City

Your task

Write pairs of sentences on any subjects of your choosing, though at least two pairs must be volcano related. One of the sentences in each pair should be active, the other should be the passive version.

E.G:

Jim enthusiastically greeted Martin.

Martin was enthusiastically greeted by Jim.