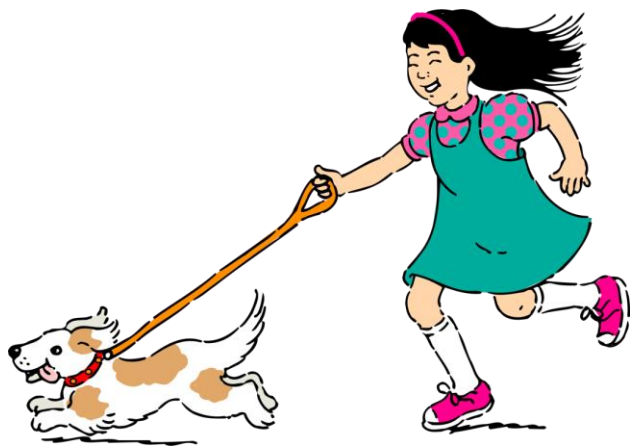




Active & Passive Voice

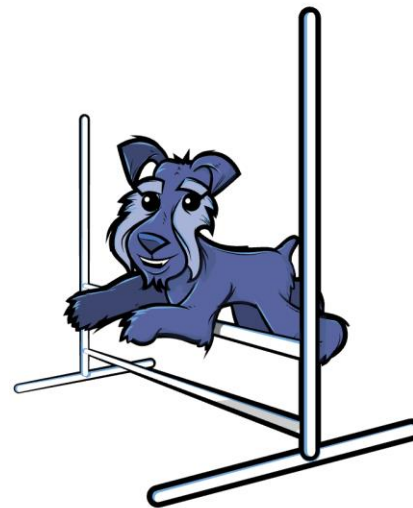


Emma walked the dog.

The dog was walked by Emma.

The dog jumped over the hurdle.

The hurdle was jumped over by the dog.





Parts of a Clause

The **subject** is what the **clause** is about.

A **clause** is a group of words which contains a **verb**.

All **verbs** have a **subject**.

Max *threw*

This clause is about **Max**.

Emma *ate*

This clause is about **Emma**.

The dog *chased*

This clause is about **the dog**.

In some **clauses** there is something the **verb** acts on.

This is called the **object**.

Identifying **Subject**, **Verb** and **Object**

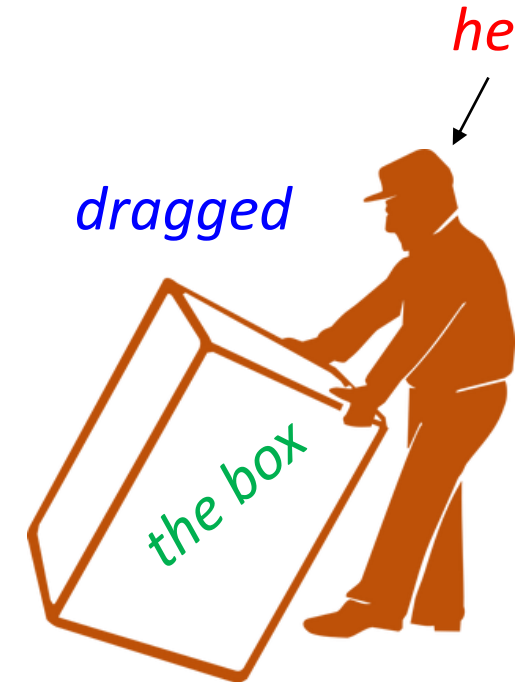


I lost my dog.

Raj looked for the dog.

He found her shut in a box.

Raj dragged the box.



Can you spot the subject, verb and object in these clauses?



Active Voice

Active voice is when the **subject** 'does' the **verb**.

Max was doing the *pulling*.

Max pulled the cart.

The **dog** was doing the *eating*.

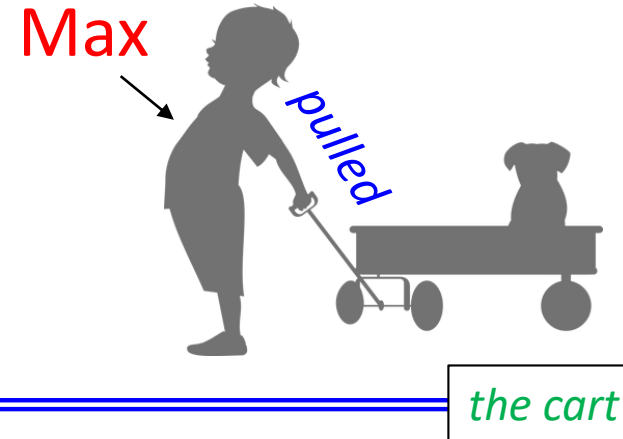
The dog ate the sandwich!

The **dog** was doing the *chasing*.

The dog chased the cat.

The **subject** 'acts' out the **verb** in the **active voice**.

SUBJECT **VERB** **OBJECT**





Passive Voice

Passive voice changes the emphasis of a sentence.

Passive voice is when the **verb** is done to the **subject**.

This clause is about **the glass**.

The glass was broken by the dog.

The **verb to drop** happened to **the glass**.

This clause is about **the pie**.

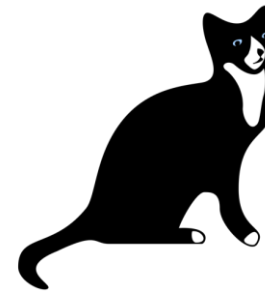
The pie was eaten by the dog.

The **verb to eat** happened to **the pie**.

This clause is about **the cat**.

The cat was chased by the dog.

The **verb to chase** happened to **the cat**.



We use is, are, was, were,
to form verbs for **passive**
voice (auxiliary verbs)

Passive Voice



The horn was pressed by the angry driver.

A secret was revealed when we opened the door.

The dog was scared by the clown.

Sometimes the **person doing the action** is not included in the sentence.

The horn was pressed.

The dog was scared.



ACTIVE:
SUBJECT DOES
THE **VERB**

Active and Passive Voice

PASSIVE: **VERB**
DONE TO THE
SUBJECT



The dog found a bone.

ACTIVE

A bone was found by the dog.

PASSIVE

The carpet was chewed by the dog.

PASSIVE

The dog chewed the carpet.

ACTIVE

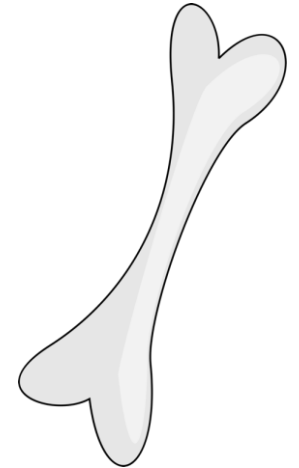
The toys were hidden by the dog.

PASSIVE

The dog hid the toys.

ACTIVE

ANSWERS



*Which of these have an **active voice** and which have a **passive voice**?*

ACTIVE:
SUBJECT DOES
THE VERB

Choosing Active and Passive Voice

PASSIVE:
VERB DONE
TO SUBJECT



You can *change the **emphasis*** of a sentence through the **voice** you use.

emphasis on **the dog**

The dog chewed the carpet.

ACTIVE

emphasis on **the carpet**

The carpet was chewed by the dog.

PASSIVE

emphasis on **the carpet** –
dog off the hook!

The carpet was chewed.

PASSIVE



ACTIVE:
SUBJECT DOES
THE **VERB**

Choosing passive voice

PASSIVE:
VERB DONE
TO **SUBJECT**

Passive voice is sometimes used in
formal or **generalised** writing...

Five portions of fruit should be eaten every day.

By people in
general.

Care must be taken when using power tools.

The mixture was stirred.

It does not
matter who
stirred it.

or when elements are **unknown**

My bag has been stolen.

I do not know
who stole it.

or to **hide** information

The hospital was unavoidably closed.

I don't want you to know who
was responsible.

Football cards have been banned at our school.



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