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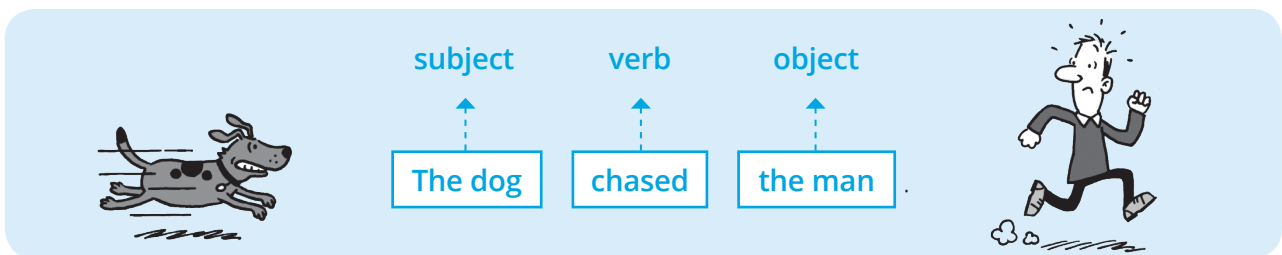


## CAN YOU?

- Write using the active and passive voice.
- Change a sentence in the active voice into the passive voice, and vice versa.
- Say where the subject and object come in active-voice sentences.
- Identify which voice is being used in a sentence.

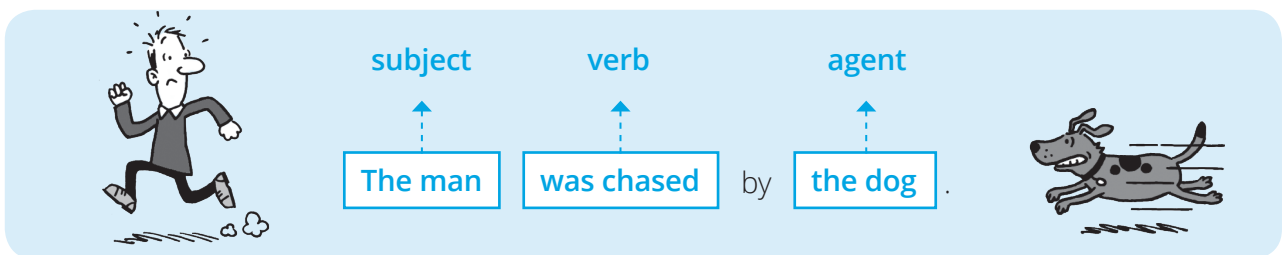
## SKILLS CHECK

Writing in the **active voice** means that the subject of the sentence is doing or being something. If there is an object, it is what the subject is 'acting upon'.



Most writing is in the active voice, but sometimes the **passive voice** is used, often for a more formal effect.

In passive-voice sentences, the noun, pronoun or noun phrase that would be the **object** in an active-voice sentence becomes the **subject** and moves to the start of the sentence.



The subject from the original active-voice sentence moves to the end of the sentence, but it does not become the object. It becomes part of a **prepositional phrase** and is called **the agent**. It isn't always included though.

The man was chased.

You form the passive voice by combining the verb **'to be'** with the **past participle** of whatever verb you are using.



## PRACTICE

1. Write a sentence in the **active voice**.

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2. Write a sentence in the **passive voice**.

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3. Tick one box in each row to show whether each sentence is in the **active voice** or **passive voice**.

Sentence	Active voice	Passive voice
I sat by the edge of the lake and watched the ducks.		
Chloe was given a choice of juice or milk.		
Dad carried me to the car when I twisted my ankle.		
The school assembly was led by the Head Teacher.		

4. Rewrite each sentence below in the **passive voice**. Remember to punctuate your sentences correctly.

- a. The twins won the singing competition.

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- b. The fireman rescued the kitten from the top of the tree.

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- c. The bus driver checked our tickets.

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