

Active and Passive Voice

Link each word to its correct definition (active voice)

subject

person or thing that the action is done to

object

an action, or a state of being

verb

person or thing that does the action

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Link the correct part of the sentence to the grammatical term.

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object

drinks

subject

the milk.

verb



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- b) The book was read by Jane.
- c) The question was answered by Jonny.



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passive

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Task 3: Rewrite these sentences in the passive voice.

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b) The man painted the building.

b) The man stared at the car.



Task 4: Rewrite these sentences in the active voice.

a) The boy was chased by the dog.

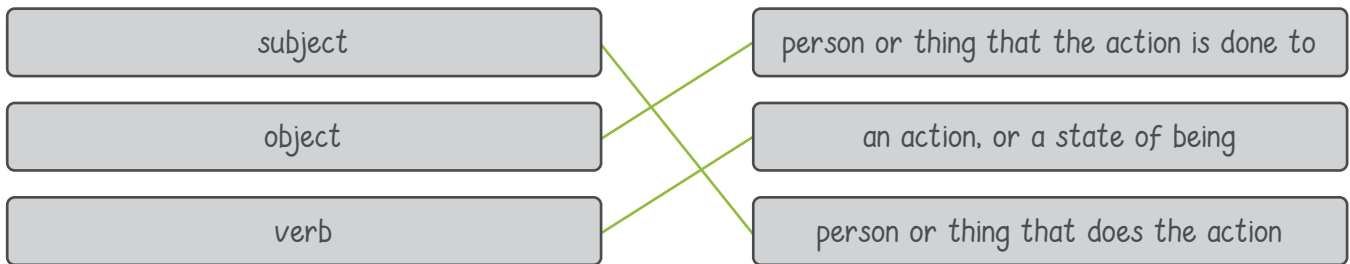
b) The rubbish was thrown into the street by the teenager.

Challenge:

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Answers

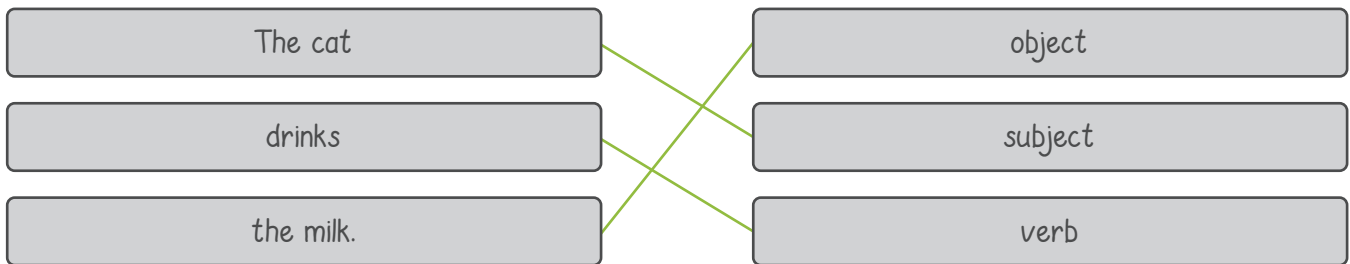
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The dog chased the boy.

b) The rubbish was thrown into the street by the teenager.

The teenager threw the rubbish into the street.

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The rubbish was collected daily.

The waste collectors collected the rubbish daily.

(This sentence is an agentless passive so the subject in this sentence might vary).