

# language focus

## subjects and objects

The **subject** usually comes **before** the verb. The subject **does** the action.

The **object** usually comes **after** the verb and **receives** the action.

**1** Read, circle and underline.

Read the language focus box and then circle the subject and underline the object in the sentences below. The first one has been done for you.

**1** In 1903, Edward Binney invented crayons.

**2** In 1904, Thomas Sullivan invented the tea bag.

**3** In 1919, Charles Strite invented the pop-up toaster.

**4** In 1980, Tim Berners-Lee invented the World Wide Web.



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## the passive

To form **the passive**, we put the object in the position of the subject. We use the passive when we want to focus on **what happens** more than on the person who makes it happen. Sometimes the person is left out of the passive sentence. It is usually used for news reports, signs and scientific descriptions.

**The boy wrote the story.** (The boy is more important.)

**The story was written by the boy.** (The story is more important.)

**He stuck the straw on the balloon.** (The person is important.)

**The straw was stuck on the balloon.** (The person is not important.)

We form the passive with the verb **be** (is/was, are/were) and the **past participle** of the verb.

object + be + past participle of verb

**the light bulb + was + invented**

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## The passive.

Read these four sentences about inventions and compare them with the sentences in activity 1 on this page. In your group, talk about what has happened to the subject and the object.

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 **The World Wide Web was invented by Tim Berners-Lee in 1980.**

2

 **The pop-up toaster was invented by Charles Strite in 1919.**

The first tea bag was invented by Thomas Sullivan in 1904.

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Crayons were invented by Edward Binney in 1903.

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### 3 Identify the passive.

Read and tick the passive sentences.

- 1 Paper was invented by Ts'ai Lun ☒
- 2 The Wright brothers made the first aeroplane. ☐
- 3 The light bulb was invented in 1887. ☐
- 4 Traffic lights were invented in 1923 by Garrett Morgan. ☐
- 5 In 1929, the first robot was built. ☐
- 6 Carl Magee invented the first parking meter in 1935. ☐
- 7 The crossword was invented in 1913 by Arthur Wynne. ☐

### 1 Write.

Write four passive sentences from the report on page 26 of your Classbook.

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## 2 Great Arab inventions and inventors.

Read the report on page 26 of your Classbook and answer these questions using full sentences.

- 1 How many paragraphs are there?  
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- 2 Which paragraph is about Arab inventions of the past?  
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- 3 What was invented to help find the Qibla for prayers?  
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- 4 Which paragraph is about present Arab inventions?  
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- 5 Who invented the "Test-Fast-Tera" machine?  
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- 6 Which invention do you think is the most interesting? Why?  
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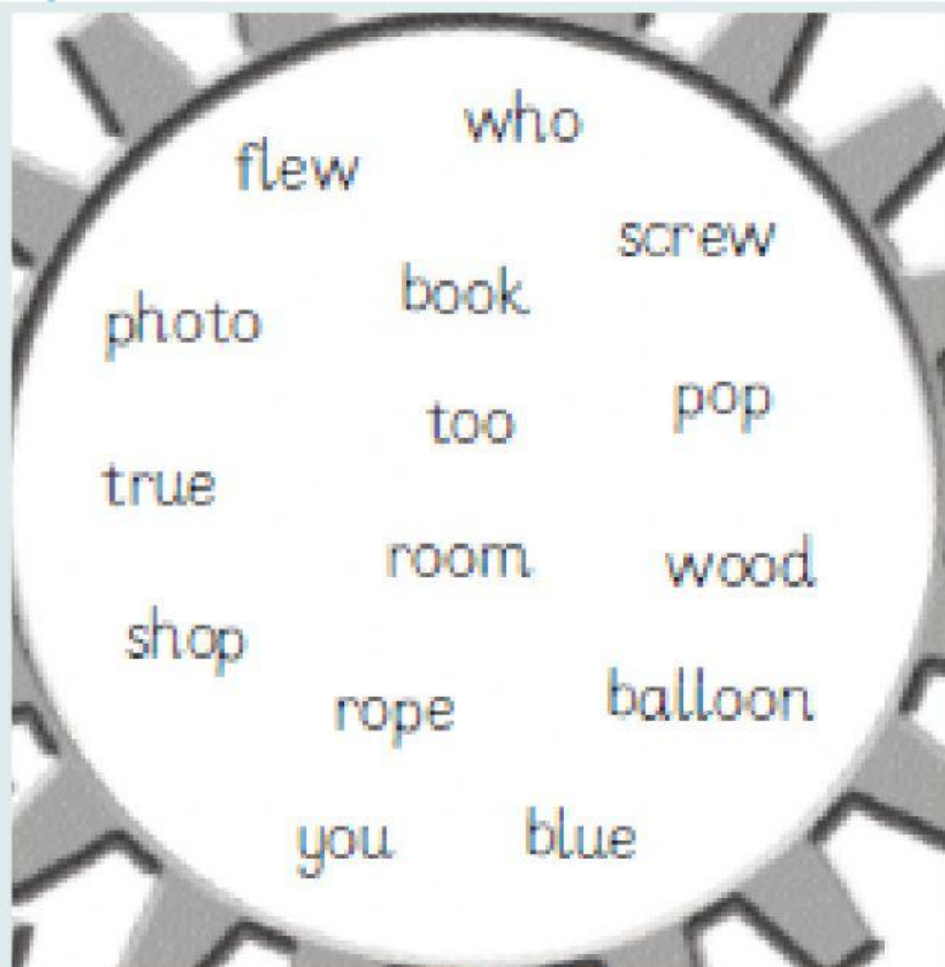


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## Sounds – /u:/.

Look at the words in the cog. Write the words with a /u:/ sound here.

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Alaa

Rabia