

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.

1

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?

- 2 Which paragraph is about Arab inventions of the past?

- 3 What was invented to help find the Qibla for prayers?

- 4 Which paragraph is about present Arab inventions?

- 5 Who invented the "Test-Fast-Tera" machine?

- 6 Which invention do you think is the most interesting? Why?



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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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