

Passive

In a passive sentence, the verb is passively **happening** to the subject.

In a passive sentence, what would usually be the object (**the person/thing being acted upon by the verb**) in the active voice, now becomes the subject of the sentence.

A passive sentence can end in a prepositional phrase, often with the word 'by'.



The playground **was painted** by the caretaker.

↑
subject

↑
verb

↑
prepositional phrase

Active

In an active sentence, the subject is actively **doing** the verb.

The object is the person or thing that the verb is happening to.

Usually, active sentences are written as subject - verb - object but this is not always the case.



James broke the window.

subject

verb

object

Subject

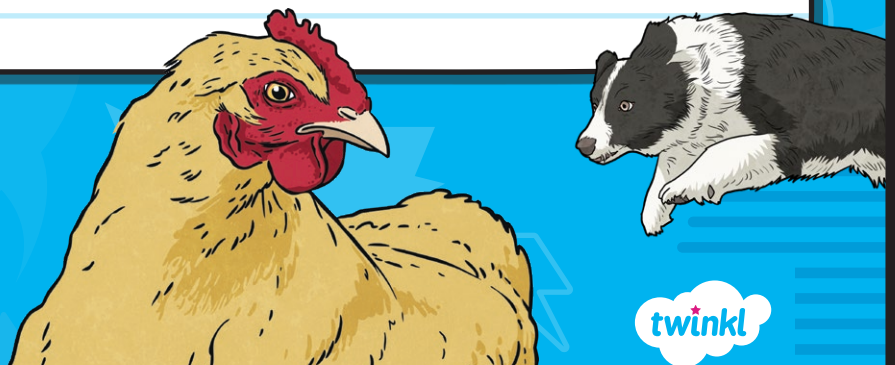
The **subject** of a sentence is the noun, noun phrase or pronoun that represents the person or thing that carries out the main action (the **verb**).

We painted our classroom.

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subject

The dog chased the chicken.

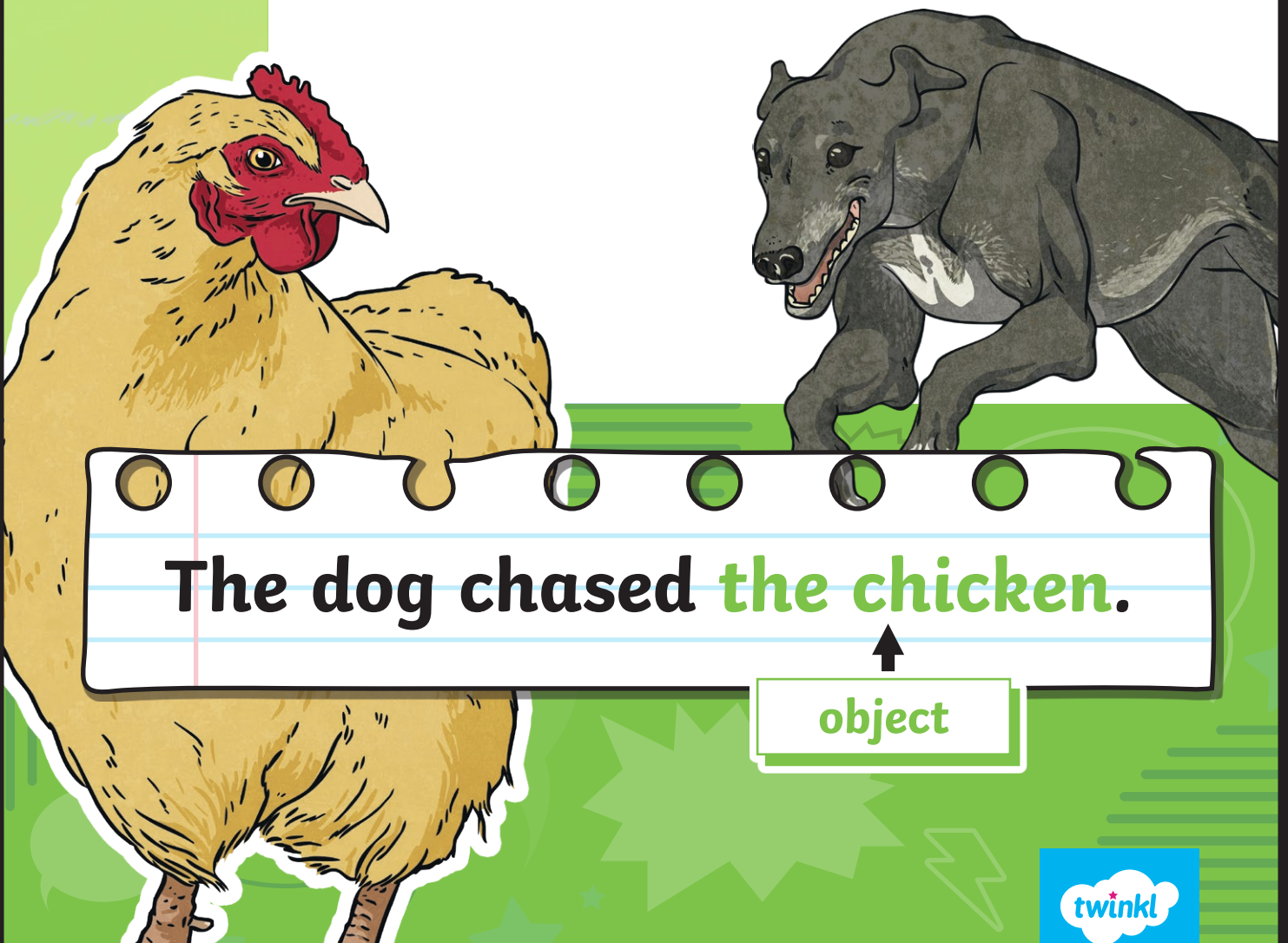
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subject



Object

The **object** of a sentence is the noun, noun phrase or pronoun which is involved in or receives the main action.

The object shows us what the verb is acting on.



The dog chased **the chicken**.

object

Synonym

A **synonym** is a word or phrase with the same or similar meaning to another.

You can find synonyms in a thesaurus.



Antonym

An **antonym** is a word or phrase with the opposite meaning to another.



Antonym

