

Patina · Grammar

Subject · Verb · Object

who does what, with what

In Survival English you found the **subject** and the **verb**. Today, two new parts: the **object** (what gets the action) and the **tool** (with a hammer). We construct a sentence the way we construct a bookshelf: every part in its place.

★ the four parts, find it · ★★ subject or object?, the hidden you · ★★★ write it with the subject, build it, fix it, your home

★ The four parts

Every sentence on this sheet has the same four parts, always in the same order.

Bettina

SUBJECT

tightens

VERB

the screw

OBJECT

with a screwdriver

TOOL



Subject → Verb → Object → with + Tool

Subject

who does it. It comes first.

Verb

the action. With he, she or a name: add -s.

Object

what gets the action. It comes right after the verb.

Tool

with + a tool: how you do it. It comes last.

★ Find it in the sentence

Click the part. On paper, circle it.

Where is the SUBJECT? who does it

- 1 Bettina tightens the screw with a screwdriver.
- 2 Bashir hits the nail with a hammer.
- 3 My neighbor measures the shelf with a tape measure.
- 4 Teodora cuts the board with a saw.
- 5 They check the shelf with a level.

Where is the VERB? the action

- 1 Femi drills a hole with a drill.
- 2 Joon holds the bolt with the pliers.
- 3 Agnieszka sands the door with sandpaper.
- 4 We tighten the bolts with a wrench.
- 5 Thabo fixes the chair with glue.

Where is the OBJECT? what gets the action

- 1 Mirela turns the bolt with a wrench.
- 2 Bettina opens the toolbox.
- 3 Bashir moves the ladder.
- 4 Teodora tightens the screws with an Allen key.
- 5 My son cuts the wood with a saw.

Where is the TOOL? with + a tool: how

- 1 Femi hits the nail with a hammer.
- 2 Joon checks the shelf with a level.
- 3 Agnieszka holds the wire with pliers.
- 4 Thabo sands the table with sandpaper.
- 5 I tighten the screw with a screwdriver.

★★ Subject or object?

Look at the word in bold. Is it the subject or the object? Click one.

1	The screw holds the leg.	Subject	Object
2	Bettina tightens the screw .	Subject	Object
3	The glue holds the wood.	Subject	Object
4	Femi buys the glue .	Subject	Object
5	The drill makes a hole.	Subject	Object
6	Agnieszka charges the drill .	Subject	Object
7	The ladder stands in the hall.	Subject	Object
8	Joon carries the ladder .	Subject	Object

★★ Instructions: the hidden you

Instructions have no subject. Who does it? You do. Find the part in each step.

(You) **Tighten the screws with the Allen key.**

In instructions, the subject is hidden. It is always **you**.

Where is the VERB? in instructions, the verb comes first

- 1 Open the box.
- 2 Find the four bolts.
- 3 Attach the legs with the bolts.
- 4 Tighten the screws with the Allen key.
- 5 Check the shelf with the level.

Where is the OBJECT? what gets the action

- 1 Count the screws.
- 2 Hit the small nails with the hammer.
- 3 Glue the back panel.
- 4 Sand the sides with sandpaper.
- 5 Measure the wall with the tape measure.

★★★ Write it with the subject

Write each step with its subject.

Tighten the screws with the Allen key.

1

Measure the wall with the tape measure.

2

Check the shelf with the level.

3

Hold the bolt with the pliers.

4

★★★ Build the sentence

Put the four parts in order. Give the verb its -s if it needs one.

with a screwdriver

Bettina

the screw

tighten

1

the shelf

with a level

check

Joon

2

I

with a tape measure

measure

the wall

3

sand

with sandpaper

the door

Agnieszka

4

the wire

Thabo

with pliers

hold

5

with a drill

We

make

a hole

6

★★★ Fix the sentence

Each sentence is broken in one place. Write it correctly.

✗ Bashir tighten the bolt with a wrench.

1

Bashir is he: add -s.

✗ Bettina measures the wall a tape measure.

2

The tool needs with.

✗ The board cuts Teodora with a saw.

3

Who does it? That is the subject. It comes first.

✗ Femi with a drill drills a hole.

4

The tool comes last.

✗ Joon holds with the pliers the wire.

5

The object comes right after the verb.

★★★ Your home

Now you. Write about your home. Then put one sentence in the chat.

What do you fix at home? With what?

1

I fix _____.

What can you do with a screwdriver?

2

I _____ with a screwdriver.

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