

What is a "Subject"?

The nouns that "do" the verb.

First consider this simple sentence: "Superhero Guy is standing." Nouns can be subjects or objects, but verbs can not. "Superhero Guy" is the only noun. Is it a subject? Yes. How do we know? We look at the verb. What is it? "Standing." Now we ask "who or what is standing?" The answer: "Superhero Guy." This means that "Superhero Guy" is the subject. **He's the one actually doing the verb.**



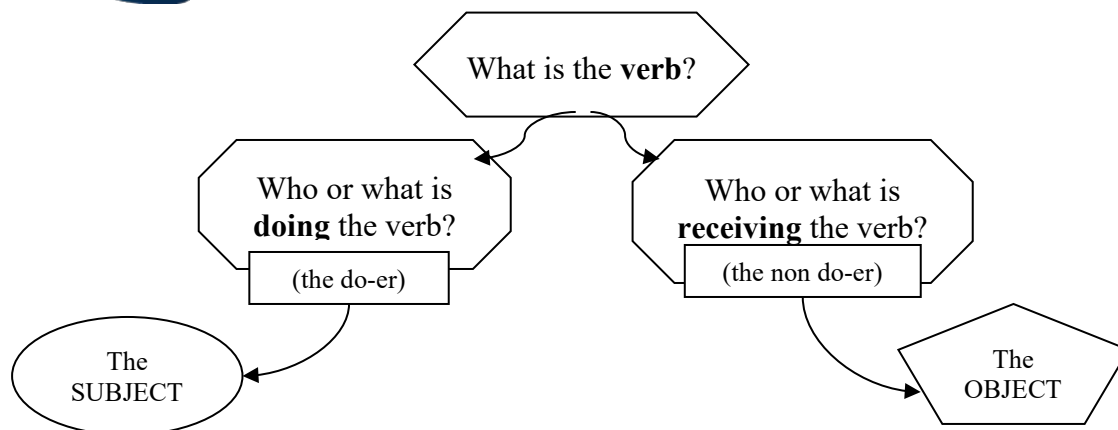
What is an "Object"?

The nouns that "get/receive" the verb.

Now consider this sentence: "Superhero Guy is carrying a car on his head." What's the verb? "Carrying." "Who or what is carrying?" "Superhero Guy" (so again, SG is the subject). **Who or what is Superhero Guy carrying?** "The car." Therefore, the car is the object. **It is the thing that is "getting/receiving" the verb - it is being carried.***



Subject vs. Object: Quick and Dirty



**The answer to why Superhero Guy is carrying a car on his head is a much more complicated question, which we'll save for another day.*