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What is a subject?

What is a predicate?

How do they work together to create a sentence?

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A _____
is a group of words that expresses a complete thought.

How can I make sure my sentences are complete?

A sentence must have a _____ and a
_____, a _____, or a
_____.

Subject – tells who or what is doing something

Predicate (verb or verb phrase) – tells what the subject is doing
or what is being done to the subject.

<u>Incomplete Thought</u>	<u>Complete Sentence</u>
My cousin Jillian	My cousin Jillian runs.
runs every afternoon	She runs every afternoon.
for a race	She is training for a race.

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Homework Practice

Directions: Make each of the following groups of words a complete sentence by adding a subject, a predicate, or both.

Example: in the summer
I play baseball in the summer.

1. run around the yard

2. my little brother

3. the dog next door

4. rides a bicycle

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5. at the park

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Complete Subjects and Predicates

The _____
_____ in a sentence includes the
simple subject and its modifiers.

The _____
_____ in a sentence includes the
simple predicate (the verb) and its modifiers.

Complete Subject <i>Who or what is doing something?</i>	Complete Predicate <i>What is being done?</i>
Our new bus driver	likes to tell jokes.
Janelle and I	planned the class picnic.
The noise in the background	spoiled the concert.
Mr. Cosford, our neighbor,	is very friendly.

Practice

Directions: Draw a line between the complete subject and the complete predicate in each sentence below.

Complete subject

Complete predicate

Example: The members of my team / visited the hospital yesterday.

1. A volunteer in a blue uniform showed us around.
2. Another person gave each of us a first-aid booklet.
3. The surgery room was the most interesting place.
4. We asked some good questions afterward.
5. My teammates and I learned about sports medicine.
6. The stern judge ruled that the defendant was not guilty.
7. Only I am able to know what I am thinking.
8. All of the townspeople ran from the burning building.
9. His broken leg will heal in three months.
10. The saber toothed tiger is a good example of an extinct predator.

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Homework

1. Write **five** sentences about a short trip or a weekend activity.

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2. Go back through each sentence and use red pen to **draw a line between** the complete subject and the complete predicate in each sentence.

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Simple Subjects and Predicates

A _____ is the subject without the words that describe or modify it.

A _____ is the verb without any of the other words that modify it.

Simple Subject	Simple Predicate
My friend Jan	bought her ticket at the door.
The entire audience	waited patiently.
We	cheered.

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Directions: Underline the simple subject with one line and the simple predicate with two lines.

Example: The school cooks announced a new menu.

1. Hungry students choose from a large variety of foods.
2. The school copied the idea from food courts.
3. Most students prefer healthful foods to junk food.
4. Salads are a popular choice.
5. Nutritious snacks give students energy.
6. The teachers created the unit math test.
7. A large number of swimmers competed in the race this year.
8. The tired old man came in from the rain.

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Compound Subjects and Predicates

A _____
includes two or more simple subjects.

A _____
includes two or more simple predicates.

Compound Subject	Compound Predicate
Harry and Lana	caught and released three fish.
My cousin	sings and dances in the musical.
Tim and Colin	ran outside and played soccer after dinner.

****Hint****

Compound subjects are usually joined by the coordinating conjunctions “and”, “but,” or “or.”

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Practice

Directions: Underline each compound subject with one line and each compound predicate with two lines.

1. Jake and Elijah gathered their fishing gear.
2. Their uncle took them to Blue Lake and rented a boat.
3. The fish and the mosquitoes always bit.
4. The boys caught the fish and slapped the mosquitoes.
5. The uncle and his nephews joked and laughed a lot.
6. The small boat rocked and rolled in the choppy water.

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Write three sentences about an activity you enjoy. Use a compound subject or a compound predicate in each of your sentences.

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