

**Rule
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Every complete sentence has
a subject and a predicate.

- **Subject**—names the person, place, or thing the sentence is about.

The **complete subject** contains all the words that tell who or what the sentence is about.

The **simple subject** is the main noun or pronoun in the subject.

simple subject
My crazy cat climbed all over the furniture.
complete subject

- **Predicate**—tells what the subject is or does.

The **complete predicate** contains all the words that tell what the subject is or does.

The **simple predicate** is the verb of the sentence.

simple predicate
Wild pigs trampled the plants in the cornfield.
complete predicate

Subjects & Predicates

Name _____

What's Missing?



The following groups of words are not complete sentences. Decide whether each sentence fragment is missing a **subject** or a **predicate**. Circle your responses.

1. goes to the store

subject

predicate

2. the weather today

subject

predicate

3. Morgan's beautiful dress

subject

predicate

4. sat down to dinner early tonight

subject

predicate

5. never liked apple pie much

subject

predicate

6. the glorious night sky

subject

predicate

7. fifteen second-grade students

subject

predicate

8. sings like an angel

subject

predicate

9. has a summer home in Florida

subject

predicate

10. was quite a fisherman in his day

subject

predicate

11. Tim's favorite school subject

subject

predicate

12. Grant's favorite music group

subject

predicate

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Fragments into Sentences



Write a complete sentence using each of the following sentence fragments.
When you have finished, go back and circle the subject and underline the predicate
in each of your sentences.

1. a gigantic dinosaur

2. swam across the river

3. nibbled on the grass

4. Herman and Hetty

5. raced down the street

6. my cousin Roberto

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Subjects and Predicates

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Draw one line under each complete subject. Write **SS** above the simple subject.
Draw two lines under each complete predicate. Write **SP** above the simple predicate.

SS SP

The large cat jumped on top of the brick wall.

1. My hungry friends hunted for food in the kitchen.
2. Margo petted the tiny kitten.
3. The busy workers painted the whole house in one day.
4. The frightened dog hid under the porch.
5. Several heavy packages arrived in the mail this morning.
6. Carla's friend Margo came for a long visit.
7. Twelve silver sardines darted among the kelp blades.
8. Sam hit two home runs in the last game.
9. The large moving van was unable to turn into our driveway.
10. Melissa, my next-door neighbor, plays trumpet in the school band.