

Verbs

Subject and predicate

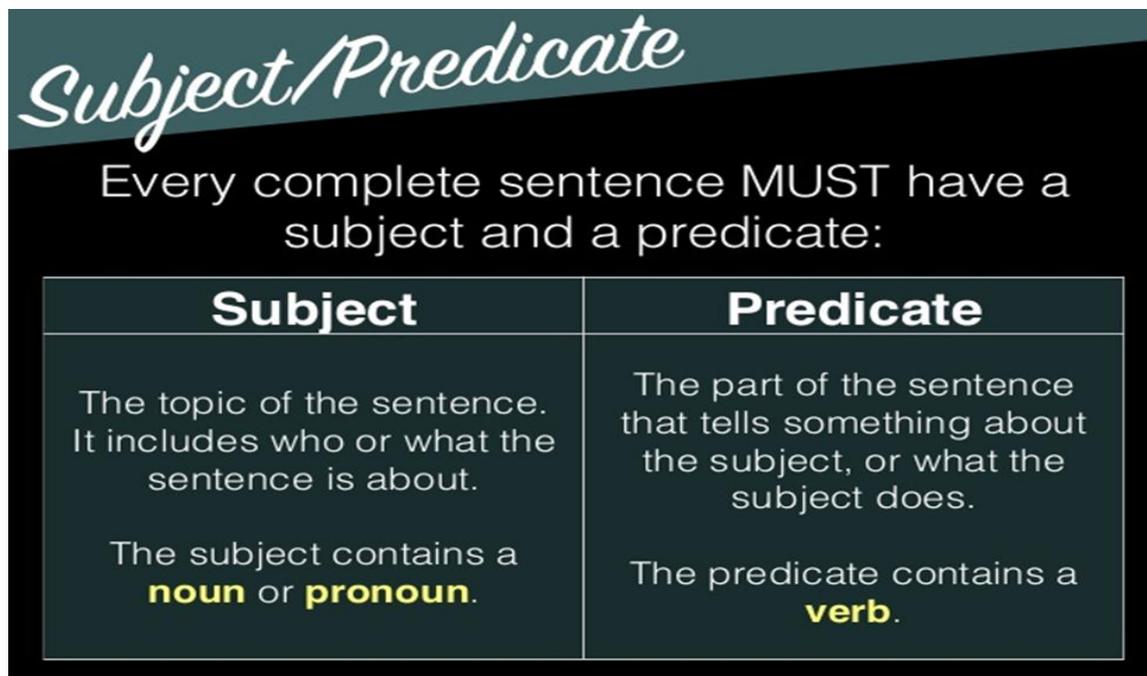
What is the subject?

A subject is the person or thing that is doing the action, or the person or thing that is the focus of the sentence.

What is the predicate?

The predicate of the sentence is the part that contains the action.

Some more **examples**:



Subject/Predicate

Every complete sentence **MUST** have a subject and a predicate:

Subject	Predicate
The topic of the sentence. It includes who or what the sentence is about. The subject contains a noun or pronoun .	The part of the sentence that tells something about the subject, or what the subject does. The predicate contains a verb .

Pattern #3		
Subject	Predicate	
	linking verb	subject complement noun or adjective
The aliens	were	killers.
The rats	are	ugly.
The griff	is	grafunkulous.

SUBJECT VERSUS PREDICATE

Subject is the person or thing performing the action

Predicate indicates the action performed by the subject

Usually a noun, pronoun or noun phrase

Contains the verb, objects, and other elements

Usually precedes the predicate

Usually comes after the subject

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Exercise:

Underline the simple **subject** in each sentence.

Example A: My friend John went to the movies with his friends.

Answer: My friend John went to the movies with his friends.

1. The student arrived late to class because he woke up late.
2. The big audience grew very restless waiting for the play to start.
3. The air in the classroom smelled fresh.

4. The blue dolphin swam freely in the ocean.
 5. The netball team went traveling for their next tournament.
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Underline the simple **predicate** in the following sentences.

Example B: My friend John went to the movies with his friends.

Answer: My friend John went to the movies with his friends.

6. The entire class walked to the museum for the field trip.
 7. My sister decided to go to graduate school.
 8. The family rode in the van all the way to the park.
 9. The horse galloped around the race track.
 10. The dog barked at the intruder.
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Fill in a subject for the following sentences.

Example C: _____ heard a loud noise.

Answer: The man heard a loud noise.

11. _____ walked to the assembly.
 12. _____ made dinner.
 13. _____ went to class in the morning.
 14. _____ was happy for her students.
 15. _____ cheered loudly.
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Fill in a predicate for the following sentences.

Example D: The man _____.

Answer: The man travelled to the woods on a foggy day.

16. The mother _____.
17. The city _____.
18. My friend _____.
19. We _____.

20. Blessing was _____.

For each sentence below, **underline the subject** and **circle the predicate**.

Example E: John went to the movies with his friends.

Answer: John went to the movies with his friends.

21. The student arrived late to the class because he woke up late.

22. John looked out of the window to check the sky.

23. The air in the classroom smelled fresh.

24. Bird watchers must always wait with patience.

25. The bank will keep a record of your work.

26. I wrote in my column twice a week.

27. My team had to climb over the hill to reach the finish line.

28. Everybody at the stadium felt so alive.

29. I felt exhausted from the anticipation.

30. Birds fly often in the blue sky.