The **simple predicate**, or verb, is the main word or words in the complete predicate.

A. The complete predicate in each sentence is underlined. Write the simple predicate, or verb, in the blank.

EXAMPLE: Human beings have dreamed of flying. have dreamed

1. A famous myth tells the sad tale of Icarus. _____
2. His father made wings for him from feathers and wax. _____
3. The reckless boy flew close to the sun. _____
4. The hot sun melted the wax on the wings. _____
5. Icarus plunged to his death in the sea. _____
6. A pigeon was built in another myth. _____
7. The wooden bird could fly in the air. _____

B. Write the simple predicate in the blank.

EXAMPLE: History books explain many attempts at flight. explain

8. An inventor created the first kite in China. _____
9. Kites of later years lifted people into the air. _____
10. Two people floated in a linen balloon in 1783. _____
11. Hot air fueled that balloon. _____
12. The first successful glider was built in 1804. _____
13. People could soar through the sky like birds. _____
14. Spacecraft carry people to the moon today. _____

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