

Complete, Simple, and Compound Subjects

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

Example: Everyone in my house is keeping a secret.

The **simple subject** is the main word or words in the complete subject.

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A **compound subject** contains two or more subjects that have the same verb. The simple subjects in a compound subject are usually joined by *and* / *or*.

Example: The craters and plains of the moon have had no human visitors for some time.

Write the complete subject in each sentence. Then, write the simple subject.

- 1) A wooden feeder for the birds hangs outside my window.

complete subject

simple subject

- 2) The clear, pleasant whistles of the goldfinches often echo in the trees nearby.

complete subject

simple subject

- 3) Our chubby orange cat watches the birds from the window.

complete subject

simple subject

- 4) She can't figure out exactly what to do.

complete subject

simple subject

- 5) I feel sorry for our poor, confuse feline.

complete subject

simple subject

- 6) *Birds of North America* helps us identify our feathered visitors.

complete subject

simple subject

7) A strong telescope can help bird-watchers see the birds from a far distance.

complete subject

simple subject

8) Even relatively small binoculars can help watchers recognize different species.

complete subject

simple subject

Write the compound subject in each sentence. Then, write the verb they share.

1) Myron and I went on a camping trip last fall.

compound subject

shared verb

2) Myron and his dad took charge of packing and finding a campground.

compound subject

shared verb

3) Myron, his dad, and I should have thought about planning for rain.

compound subject

shared verb

4) We and all our equipment were soaked through in the first ten minutes.

compound subject

shared verb

5) Our sleeping bags and down jackets looked like wet dishcloths.

compound subject

shared verb

6) Myron and I were wet, tired, and disappointed.

compound subject

shared verb