

Complete Subjects and Complete Predicates

RULES

The **subject** part of a sentence tells whom or what the sentence is about. The **complete subject** is all the words in the subject part.

All the children gathered around Grandfather.

The **predicate** part of a sentence tells what the subject does or is.

The **complete predicate** is all the words in the predicate part.

Grandfather **is a great storyteller.**

Every sentence has two parts, a subject, and a predicate. The subject and predicate can each be one word or many words.

Complete Subject

Grandfather

Our grandfather

Guided Practice

Complete Predicate

begins.

begins to tell his story.

Write whether each underlined sentence part is a complete subject or a complete predicate.

EXAMPLE: Grandfather's stories are always interesting. complete subject

1. Some of Grandfather's stories teach lessons about nature. _____
2. My younger sister likes Grandfather's animal stories best _____
3. My favorite story is "How Turtle Flew South for the Winter." _____
4. Grandfather learned many stories from his grandmother. _____
5. Our whole family enjoys hearing Grandfather's stories. _____



A. Write complete subject or complete predicate to tell which part of the sentence is underlined.

6. Our family's ancestors once lived on the Great Plains.

7. Our people hunted buffalo.

8. Every part of the buffalo had an important use.

9. Our ancestors made clothing and tepees from the skins.

10. The buffalo hair was used for clothing.

B. Write each the complete subject on the line.

11. My ancestors belonged to the Blackfoot nation.

12. The Blackfoot nation was just one Plains tribe.

13. Grandfather told us about the origin of the name "Blackfoot."

14. Blackfoot ancestors crossed a burned prairie.

15. Their moccasins turned black from the ashes.

C. Write each complete predicate on the line.

16. The old house on the corner has a big garden in the backyard.

17. Lynn, my mom's best friend, plays cards with her family.

18. The hammer on the shelf can be used to work on the project.

19. Our dog, Rocky, loves to chase sticks and balls

20. My brother and my sister are studying in college.
