

# Simple Predicate

## RULES

The simple predicate is the main word in the complete predicate.

We visited the Colorado and Mojave Deserts.

As you know, a sentence has two parts—a subject and a predicate. The complete predicate is all the words in the predicate part of a sentence. The simple predicate tells exactly what the subject does or is. The simple predicate in each sentence below is underlined.

## Complete Subject

Both deserts

## Complete Predicate

lie in southern California.  
noticed many animals in the desert.

## Guided Practice

The complete predicate in each sentence is underlined. Name the simple predicate.

**EXAMPLE:** The desert contains a lot of wildlife.

*simple predicate: contains*

1. We saw two coyotes during a field trip.

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2. They trotted alongside the bus for a few feet.

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3. We looked for bighorn sheep during the hike.

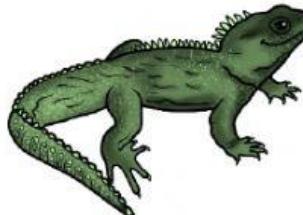
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4. I drew a picture of a roadrunner.

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5. Hummingbirds fluttered around the flowers.

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## REVIEW THE RULES

The **simple predicate** tells exactly what the subject does or is.

A. The complete predicate in each sentence is underlined. Write the simple predicate.

6. Spring rains provide water for plants and animals

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7. The desert blooms for a few weeks in the spring.

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8. Visitors from all over come for the spring flowers.

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9. We made our trip at the end of the spring.

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10. Our hike to an oasis took more than two hours.

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Write the complete predicate in the first box. Write the simple predicate in the second box.

11. My hiker's club went to the Mojave Desert.

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12. We Drove to Joshua Tree National Monument.

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13. I climbed boulders with our group leader.

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14. My best friend brought her camera.

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15. The group camped in the park.

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