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.

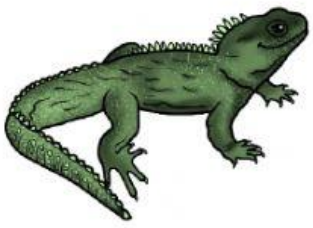
Complete Subject	Complete Predicate
Both deserts	lie in southern California.
	noticed many animals in the desert.

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. _____
2. They trotted alongside the bus for a few feet. _____
3. We looked for bighorn sheep during the hike. _____
4. I drew a picture of a roadrunner. _____
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 <u>provide water for plants and animals</u> _____

7. The desert <u>blooms for a few weeks in the spring</u>. _____

8. Visitors from all over <u>come for the spring flowers.</u> _____

9. We <u>made our trip at the end of the spring.</u> _____

10. Our hike to an oasis <u>took more than two hours.</u> _____

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.

_____ _____

12. We Drove to Joshua Tree National Monument.

_____ _____

13. I climbed boulders with our group leader.

_____ _____

14. My best friend brought her camera.

_____ _____

15. The group camped in the park.

_____ _____

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