

Subject and Predicate (Complete and Simple)

Every sentence must have a subject and a predicate. The **subject** tells what or who the sentence is about. The **predicate** tells what the subject does or is.

A **complete subject** includes the noun or pronoun and all the words that modify the subject. A **complete predicate** includes the main verb and all the words that modify it or complete its meaning.

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subject

predicate

A **simple subject** is the main word or words in a complete subject. The simple subject is a noun or a pronoun.

A **simple predicate** is the main word or words in a complete predicate. The simple predicate is always a verb (or verbs).

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simple subject

simple predicate

Read the following sentences and write the complete and the simple subject and predicate of each sentence.

- My two cats often sleep in the sun.

Complete subject: _____.

Simple subject: _____.

Complete predicate: _____.

Simple predicate: _____.

- My younger sister is learning English.

Complete subject: _____.

Simple subject: _____.

Complete predicate: _____.

Simple predicate: _____.

- The amusement park I like is far from here.

Complete subject: _____.

Simple subject: _____.

Complete predicate: _____.

Simple predicate: _____.

- We all ate cake and drank soda at William's birthday party.

Complete subject: _____.

Simple subject: _____.

Complete predicate: _____.

Simple predicate: _____.

- My cousin Carlos wrote a letter to his best friend Susan last week.

Complete subject: _____.

Simple subject: _____.

Complete predicate: _____.

Simple predicate: _____.

- Amy, Kate and Mary walked to the mall yesterday.

Complete subject: _____.

Simple subject: _____.

Complete predicate: _____.

Simple predicate: _____.

- Jessica and Harry, who are both in my class, are siblings.

Complete subject: _____.

Simple subject: _____.

Complete predicate: _____.

Simple predicate: _____.

- A lot of people went to the Summer Festival last month.

Complete subject: _____.

Simple subject: _____.

Complete predicate: _____.

Simple predicate: _____.

- The chocolate chip cookies that we baked at home were delicious.

Complete subject: _____.

Simple subject: _____.

Complete predicate: _____.

Simple predicate: _____.

- My older brother and his girlfriend exchange gifts with their friends every Christmas.

Complete subject: _____.

Simple subject: _____.

Complete predicate: _____.

Simple predicate: _____.