

Simple Subject

Summary * The simple subject is the main word in the complete subject. In your writing choose your subjects carefully to make your meaning clear.

A. Write the simple subject of each sentence.

1. You can learn the wind's direction from drifting smoke. _____
2. Tall trees sway in the wind, too. _____
3. Some people raise a wet finger in the air. _____
4. The cool side of the finger points to the wind's direction. _____
5. A simple study of the wind can tell us about the weather. _____

B. The complete subject is underlined. Write the simple subject.

6. The best natural weather predictors are clouds. _____
7. The most common rainmakers are nimbostratus clouds. _____
8. These thick gray clouds blot out the sun completely. _____
9. The low-lying layers are often a sign of heavy rain. _____
10. Those fluffy white piles in the sky are cumulus clouds. _____
11. The average person considers them harmless. _____
12. A wise camper watches cumulus clouds carefully, though. _____
13. Gentle cumulus clouds can swell quickly into cumulonimbus clouds. _____
14. These threatening thunderheads bring rain and lightning. _____
15. Dangerous tornadoes can develop from some storm clouds. _____