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Grade 7

Lesson 3

Simple Predicates, or Verbs

Reteaching

The **simple predicate,** or **verb** is the main word or words in the complete predicate. In the following sentence, the simple predicate, or verb, is underlined.

Many people have interesting hobbies.
VERB (*have interesting hobbies* is the complete predicate)

The verb can be a single word as in the sentence above, or a verb phrase, as in the sentence below.

Hobbies can entertain you for years.
VERB PHRASE (*can entertain you for years* is the complete predicate)

Verbs are words used to express actions, conditions, or states of being. **Linking verbs** tell what the subject is. **Action verbs** tell what the subject does, even when the action cannot be seen.

Identifying Simple Predicates, or Verbs

Write the simple predicate, or verb, in each sentence.

1. One popular hobby is stamp collecting.
2. Some people collect stamps from one country only.
3. Others save stamps from around the world.
4. Stamp collectors like rare or unusual stamps.
5. Books and magazines give valuable information about this hobby.
6. Some groups exchange special cards as their hobby.
7. Sports fans trade baseball, football, or basketball cards.
8. Different kinds of cards are everywhere.
9. Many people enjoy their coin collections.
10. Music provides a hobby for some.
11. People of all ages sing by themselves or in a choir.
12. Others play musical instruments for fun.
13. Still others listen to tapes and CDs.
14. More active people participate in sports.
15. Bowling is a relaxing hobby.