Subject and Predicate

A sentence has two main parts a **subject** and a **predicate**.

The **subject** tells **who or what the sentence is about**.

The **predicate** states the **action** or the **condition of the subject**. The predicate always contains the **verb** of the sentence.

Both can be identified as a group of words. This is called a complete subject or a complete predicate.

They can also be identified as single words, which are the core of that part of the sentence. This is called a simple subject or a simple predicate.

Example:

The southern part of our province has a warm climate.

Complete subject (group):

The southern part of our province

Complete predicate (group):

Has a warm climate

Here, the single words (simple subject and simple predicate) are identified. The sentence is about a province and the verb is **has**.

Exceptions:

Indiana Jones **has raided** many archaeological sites.

Here, the simple subject (Indiana Jones) is two words because it is a person's name. The simple predicate (**has raided**) is also two words because it is a compound verb.

A. Type the **complete subject** of each of the sentences on the line provided.

1. Canadian winters are the longest season of the year.

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2. Fruits and vegetables are part of a healthy diet.

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3. The largest mammal on earth is the blue whale.

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4. All of the students were listening attentively.

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5. The three countries that we visited were France, Spain, and Portugal.

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6. The Ontarian craft beer market is growing rapidly.

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B. Type the **complete predicate** of each of the sentences on the line provided.

1. I do not have a favourite musical group.

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2. My father lives in Vancouver.

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3. The deepest places in the oceans are still very mysterious.

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4. The entire book club hated the end of the novel.

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5. The province of Ontario is home to two capital cities: Ottawa and Toronto.

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6. You can see many cornfields in Ontario.

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C. Type the **simple subject** in the sentence fragment on the line provided.

1. My old friends from university _____
2. The longest day of the year _____
3. There were only two people who_____
4. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart _____
5. The smooth sounds of jazz _____

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D. Type the **simple predicate** in the sentence fragment on the line provided.

1. are throwing a big party on Saturday. _____
2. is in June. _____
3. kept looking at the train in the distance. _____
4. played many instruments. _____
5. filled the room. _____

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