

SIMPLE SENTENCES

A clause can be a simple sentence.

The Independent Clause
- a complete idea

subject / predicate
who or what is like or is doing

The boy is cold.
The boy ran.
The cats are purring.
The cats are fluffy.

Identify the subject and predicate in these simple sentences.

James ran to the pool.

Subject: Predicate:

In a dark cave, bats slept.

Subject: Predicate

The car rolled down the steep hill.

Subject Predicate

A simple sentence can also contain a clause (subject and verb) and an **object**.

WHAT'S THE OBJECT OF A SENTENCE?

object
the person or thing
that receives the
action of the verb



Identify the subject and predicate in these simple sentences.

James ran to the pool.

Object

In a dark cave, bats slept.

Object

John practised his spelling words.

Object

A simple sentence can also contain a clause (subject and verb) and an adverbial phrase or an adjectival phrase.

A phrase does not contain a subject and verb and, consequently, cannot convey a complete thought. A phrase is a group of words that stand together as a single grammatical unit, typically as part of a clause or a sentence.

An **adjectival phrase** gives more information about the subject.

The boy **with red hair** rode his bike.

An **adverbial phrase** gives more information about the verb.

The boy rode his bike **down the street**.

Identify the subject, predicate, object and phrase in these sentences

The car with tinted windows rumbled down the street.

Subject: Predicate: Object

Adjectival Phrase : Adverbial Phrase :

The small girl fell into a deep hole beside the river.

Subject: Predicate: Object

Adjectival Phrase: Adverbial Phrase:

Appositives can also extend simple sentences, and are often used in more formal writing.

Advance Australia Fair, **like all anthems**, is designed to create patriotism in it's citizens.

Like all lyric poems, "The Manager" is written in first person.

Appositive:

John Appelton, well known poet, uses many emotive words in the poem 'Bullies'.

Appositive:

'The Forest', a well known Haiku poem, is very emotive.

Appositive: