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Lesson 3

Simple Predicates, or Verbs

Reteaching

The **simple predicate,** or **verb** is the main word or words in the complete predicate.

Children around the world love folktales. (*love folktales* is the complete predicate)

VERB

Folktales have been told for centuries.

VERB PHRASE

Verbs are words used to express an action, a condition, or a state of being. **Linking verbs** tell what the subject *is*. **Action verbs** tell what the subject *does,* even when the action cannot be seen.

A folktale is an oral legend or story. (linking)

Many parents tell their children folktales. (action)

Identifying Simple Predicates, or Verbs

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

1. Folktales are make-believe stories about people and animals.

2. Many English folktales start with the words, "Once upon a time."

3. A version of the Cinderella story exists in many different countries.

4. Many folktales have a handsome prince as the hero.

5. The prince fights many battles against dragons or monsters.

6. Most tales include a beautiful princess.

7. Sometimes, a wicked witch puts the princess under a spell.

8. The courageous prince breaks the evil spell.

9. Other folktales relate stories about animals.

10. The animals act in human ways.

11. In one story, a sly fox fools a crow.

12. Another story tells of a race between a tortoise and a hare.

13. The overconfident hare takes a nap during the race.

14. The slow-moving tortoise wins the race.