

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.

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

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

4. All of the students were listening attentively.

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

6. The Ontarian craft beer market is growing rapidly.

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

1. I do not have a favourite musical group.

2. My father lives in Vancouver.

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

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

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

6. You can see many cornfields in Ontario.

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 _____

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. _____