

Simple Subjects and Predicates

- The **simple subject** of a sentence is the main word in the complete subject. The simple subject is a noun or a pronoun. Sometimes the simple subject is also the complete subject. EXAMPLES: Our **car**/swayed in the strong wind. **Cars**/sway in the strong wind.

A. Draw a line between the complete subject and the complete predicate in each sentence below. Then underline the simple subject.

1. The plants sprouted quickly after the first rain.
2. The television program was very informative.
3. I used a word processor to write the paper.
4. My friend's truck is parked in the driveway.
5. The beavers created a dam in the river.
6. The books lined the shelves like toy soldiers.
7. Hail pounded against the storm door.
8. I bought a new mountain bike.
9. My favorite subject is history.
10. The colorful bird sang a beautiful melody.
11. The tree trunk was about five feet in diameter.
12. The sidewalk had cracks in the pavement.

- The **simple predicate** of a sentence is a verb within the complete predicate. The simple predicate may be made up of one word or more than one word. EXAMPLES: Our **car**/swayed. The wind/**was blowing** hard.

B. In each sentence below, draw a line between the complete subject and the complete predicate. Underline the simple predicate twice.

1. A rare Chinese vase was on display.
2. Many of the children had played.
3. All of the group went on a hike.
4. He drove the bus slowly over the slippery pavement.
5. A large number of water-skiers were on the lake last Saturday.
6. Birds have good eyesight.
7. Who discovered the Pacific Ocean?
8. I am reading the assignment now.
9. The glare of the headlights blinded us.
10. The problem on the next page is harder.

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Complete Subjects	Complete Predicates
Many inventors	lived in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
Some inventors	became famous.

Draw a line to divide the complete subject and the complete predicate of each sentence. Write *CS* above the complete subject and *CP* above the complete predicate.

1. Thomas Edison invented the light bulb.
2. Some inventions are practical.
3. Other inventions are fun.
4. The first bicycle was built over one hundred years ago.
5. A man from England built the first modern bicycle.
6. Television became popular in the United States.
7. This invention is over eighty years old.
8. People bought their first frozen foods in 1924.
9. Levi Strauss made the first denim pants in 1847.
10. Many people call them jeans.
11. Gold miners were Levi's best customers.
12. The telephone is not a new invention.
13. Many inventions change over the years.
14. A cellular telephone is one example of this change.
15. The computer is another example.
16. Computers have become smaller and more powerful.
17. Scientists are not the only inventors.
18. Many ordinary people invent.
19. We hear of new inventions all the time.
20. New products help many people.



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