

## Recognizing Sentences

- A **sentence** is a group of words that expresses a complete thought.  
EXAMPLE: We found a deserted cabin at the top of the hill.

- Some of the following groups of words are sentences, and some are not. Write **S** before each group that is a sentence. Punctuate each sentence with a period.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Tomás did not go to the auto show\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. By the side of the babbling brook\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. I went to the new museum last week\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Mile after mile along the great highway\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Check all work carefully\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Down the narrow aisle of the church\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. I have lost my hat\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. On our way to work this morning\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Leontyne Price, a famous singer\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. We saw Katherine and Sheryl yesterday\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. The severe cold of last winter\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Once upon a time, long, long ago\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. There was a gorgeous sunset last night\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. He ran home\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. My brother and my sister\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. Tom and Matt did a great job\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. We saw a beaver in the deep ravine\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. The cat in our neighbor's yard\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. Every year at the state fair\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. As we came to the sharp curve in the road\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 21. Just before we were ready\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 22. I heard that you and Lorenzo have a new paper route\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 23. Longfellow is called the children's poet\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 24. Into the parking garage\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 25. We washed and waxed the truck\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 26. Through the door and up the stairs\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 27. As quickly as possible\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 28. We saw the new killer whale at the zoo\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 29. John parked the car on the street\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 30. We had ice cream and fruit for dessert\_\_\_\_

4 Subjects and Predicates (p. 20)

- For each sentence, write *subject* if the subject is underlined or *predicate* if the predicate is underlined.

Example: Jan went swimming in the ocean. *predicate*

1. Pete stayed on the beach.
2. Their mother called Jan.
3. The waves were too high.
4. She ran from the water.
5. The sun shone.
6. The whole family enjoyed the beach.

- ▲ Write each sentence. Draw a line between the subject and the predicate.

Example: A fluffy white cloud drifted across the sky.

*A fluffy white cloud | drifted across the sky.*

7. Phil watched the cloud.
8. It looked like a huge white elephant.
9. Maria disagreed with Phil.
10. The cloud's shape had changed.
11. An enormous white train was now in the sky.
12. The children enjoyed the clouds' shapes.

- Add a subject to each predicate below. Add a predicate to each subject. Write the complete sentences. Draw a line between the complete subject and the complete predicate.

Example: Streaks of lightning.

*Streaks of lightning | flashed across the sky.*

13. A strong wind.
14. Pounded on the rocks.
15. Towering waves.
16. All the people on the beach.
17. The lifeguards.
18. Roared like a lion.
19. The small sailboats.
20. Fell from the clouds.

**6 Simple Predicates (p. 24)**

● Choose a simple predicate from the Word Box to complete each sentence. Write the sentence. Use each predicate once.

Example: Earth \_\_\_\_ a planet.

*Earth is a planet.*

collected
have
learned
move
means
is
landed
shines

1. Planets \_\_\_\_ around the sun.
2. The word *planet* \_\_\_\_ “wanderer.”
3. Some planets \_\_\_\_ one or more moons.
4. Earth’s moon \_\_\_\_ in the sky at night.
5. Astronauts \_\_\_\_ on our moon in 1969.
6. They \_\_\_\_ moon rocks and soil.
7. Scientists \_\_\_\_ more about the moon.

▲ The complete predicate of each sentence is underlined. Write the simple predicate.

Example: Comets are balls of dust and ice. *are*

8. Early people called them “hairy stars.”
9. A comet has a tail.
10. Comets travel around the sun.
11. Halley’s Comet is a very brilliant comet.
12. People saw this comet long ago.
13. This famous comet returns about every seventy-six years.
14. Halley’s Comet appeared in 1985 and 1986.
15. Many people looked for it at that time.

■ Write the complete predicate of each sentence. Then underline the simple predicate.

Example: Early people studied the sky. *studied the sky*

16. They named groups of stars after heroes or animals.
17. We see these same star groups today.
18. The Big Dipper has seven stars.
19. It is part of the Great Bear group.
20. The handle of the dipper forms the tail of the bear.
21. Two stars in the Big Dipper point to the North Star.
22. The North Star appears in the Little Dipper’s handle.