



Simple and Complete Subjects and Predicates

A. Draw a line between the complete subject and the complete predicate. Underline the complete subject once and the simple subject twice.

1. A small family lived on a faraway planet.
2. The family's two children played near the space launch.
3. The little girl dreamed about life on Earth.
4. Huge spaceships landed daily on the planet.
5. The spaceship mechanics repaired huge cargo ships.
6. Twinkling stars appeared in the black sky.

RETEACHING: The **simple subject** is the main noun or pronoun that tells whom or what the sentence is about. The **complete subject** is the simple subject and all of the words that go with it. The **simple predicate** is the verb that tells what the subject does or is. The **complete predicate** is the verb and all the words that tell what the subject does or is.

B. Draw a line between the complete subject and the complete predicate. Underline the complete predicate once and the simple predicate twice.

1. The planet's inhabitants lived in underground homes.
2. A special machine manufactures air inside the family's home.
3. The athletic girl jumped high into the air.
4. Many toys and games cluttered the children's playroom.
5. The children's father described weather on Earth.

C. Circle the complete subject in each sentence. Underline the complete predicate.

1. The underground home contained large, comfortable rooms.
2. The playful child rolled his clay into a ball.



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A. Read each sentence. Circle the complete subject. Underline the simple subject.

1. My whole family had a picnic on Saturday.
2. The warm, sunny day was perfect for an outing in the park.
3. My cousin Fred brought his guitar and harmonica.
4. Everyone sang favourite folk songs.
5. The people in the park applauded us.

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B. Read each sentence. Circle the complete predicate. Underline the simple predicate.

1. We watched the space shuttle on TV this morning.
2. The huge spaceship rocketed into space at 6:00 A.M.
3. During the flight, the six astronauts released a satellite into space.
4. The space shuttle *Columbia* circled Earth for three days.
5. The spacecraft landed smoothly on Monday at noon.

C. Write three sentences. Circle the complete subject and underline the complete predicate in each sentence.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____



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What part of each sentence is underlined?

Fill in the bubble next to the correct answer.

1. My cousin lives on a big ranch in Montana.
 a simple subject
 b complete subject
 c simple predicate
2. Her family raises cattle on the ranch.
 a complete subject
 b simple predicate
 c complete predicate
3. Rosa's job is feeding the chickens before school.
 a simple subject
 b complete subject
 c simple predicate
4. Her brother John feeds the horses.
 a complete subject
 b simple predicate
 c complete predicate
5. My cousin Rosa rides her horse across the range.
 a simple subject
 b complete subject
 c complete predicate
6. John spreads fresh hay in the pasture.
 a simple subject
 b simple predicate
 c complete predicate
7. Their nearest neighbours often go into town with them.
 a simple subject
 b complete subject
 c simple predicate
8. The dinner bell rings at 6:30 every evening.
 a simple subject
 b complete subject
 c simple predicate
9. The whole family sits on the porch and reads about space.
 a simple subject
 b complete subject
 c complete predicate
10. Rosa searches the Internet for sites about animals.
 a complete subject
 b simple predicate
 c complete predicate