

Subjects and Predicates

Subject		Predicate
Who or what the sentence is about *main noun*	What the subject is or does *main verb*	
Person, place, thing, idea, event	Action verbs (does) Linking/helping verbs (is)	
Simple and Complete		
The big black dog licked the coffee mug.		
Simple subject	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The main subject in the sentence - Noun or pronoun 	dog
Complete subject	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Includes all of the words in the subject 	The big black dog
Simple predicate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The main verb (or verbs) in the sentence - Action or helping verb - May be one or more words 	licked
Complete predicate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Includes all of the words in the predicate - Tells all about what the subject is or does 	licked the coffee mug

Practice

Underline the complete subject once and the complete predicate twice. Circle the simple subject. Box the simple predicate.

1. The horse appeared at the starting line.
2. The student arrived late to class because he woke up late.
3. John looked out of the window to check the sky.
4. The audience grew very restless waiting for the play to start.
5. The air in the classroom smelled fresh.
6. I felt exhausted from the anticipation.
7. The owners grew flowers all around their house.
8. The race track looks very wet because it has been in the rain many hours.
9. The horse tastes the hay and oats without hesitation.
10. Birds fly often in the blue sky.
11. Birds like to land in green trees.
12. Bird watchers must always wait with patience.
13. The company pays for its workers medical insurance.
14. The bank will keep a record of your work.