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The Sentence: Subject and Predicate

Every complete sentence is made up of two parts: the subject and the predicate.

The **subject** of a sentence is the noun/pronoun (person, animal, place, or thing) that the sentence is about. It shows who or what performs the action or is being described in the sentence.

The **predicate** is the part that describes the subject. It contains a verb that shows what the subject does, and details about the action performed by the subject.





Compound Subjects and Compound Predicates

A **compound subject** is a subject that consists of two or more nouns.

e.g.

compound subject

- joining word

A squirrel **and** a chipmunk

predicate

share the acorn.

A **compound predicate** consists of two or more actions that are being **done** by the same subject.

e.g.

subject

compound predicate

The squirrel ate the acorn

and took a nap.

joining word

Note that the nouns within a compound subject or the actions within a compound predicate are usually joined by the word "and".

To find the subject and the predicate in a sentence, ask yourself the two questions below.

- Who/What is the sentence about?
- This helps you find the subject.
- What action is the subject performing?
- This helps you find the predicate.
 Remember that the predicate includes the details of the action.



A. Draw a line between the subject and the predicate of each sentence.



- 1. Stephanie sings beautifully.
- 2. The soup is very hot.
- 3. Ripley's Aquarium is in Toronto.
- 4. My baby sister sleeps during the day.
- 5. My bike has a flat tire and needs to be fixed.
- 6. The girls and I listened to music and danced along.
- 7. My brothers and I play hockey together in the winter.
- 8. Cereal, bacon, and eggs are common breakfast items in North America.
- 9. I walked to school, played basketball during gym class, and skipped during recess.

B. Match the subjects with the predicates by filling in the blanks with the correct subjects.

Refer to the questions on page 7 for help.

Cheetahs

Harry Potter

The puppy

Dr. Seuss

The trumpet

My cousins and I Snacks and drinks O Canada Green Pebble Farm



- 1. ______ is a wizard.
- 2. _____ chewed its toy bone.
- 3. _____is my favourite colour.
- 4. _____is the national anthem.
- 5. _____ are the fastest land animals.
- 6. _____ are going on a family vacation.
- 7. _____ is a loud instrument.
- 8. _____ has many animals to play with.
- 9. _____ will be served at the festival.
- 10. _____ wrote Green Eggs and Ham and The Lorax.

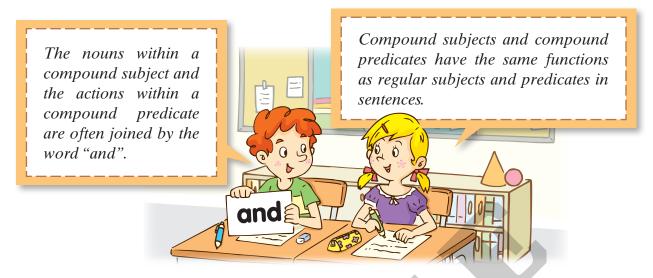
Then	ck to tell which part of a sentence is missing. complete the sentence by writing your own ect or predicate.	Missing Part		
		Subject	Predicate	
1. Em	nma and Alice			
2. <u> </u>	ran to the library d back.			
3. Do	ıniel			
	za.			
5. Cy	nthia			
6	climbed the tree.			
7. Mc	om and Dad .			



Write two full sentences of your own below. Label the subject and the predicate in each.

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D. Circle the compound subjects and underline the compound predicates. Then write your own sentences.



- 1. George and Michael love to read comic books.
- 2. Meg will eat dinner and watch a movie.
- 3. Iguanas and crocodiles can be found in Costa Rica.
- 4. We played tennis and went for a swim.
- 5. Germany and Italy made it to the FIFA playoffs.
- 6. The hero of the story fought a dragon and saved the town.

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