

2 Subject and Predicate



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Critical Thinking



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Complete these sentences with words of your own.

1. My younger sister ate the entire cake.
2. The tired gardener forgot to cut the grass.
3. The playful leopard cub jumped onto the rock.
4. Teachers celebrated their victory with lemonade and sandwiches.
5. The train to Itanagar will depart soon.



Discuss with your partner. Write S in front of the sentences to which you have added a subject. Write P in front of the sentences to which you have added a predicate.

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Subject and Predicate

You already know that for a sentence to be grammatically correct and to make complete sense it has to have:

- a **subject** (the person or thing being spoken of or doing the action) and
- a **predicate** (what is said about that person or thing).

Now, look at these sentences.

- Thank you.
- Get up.

These sentences have an **implied subject**. The subject is not stated, but is known.

- (I) Thank you.
- (You) Get up.

PRACTISE

A. Circle the subjects and underline the predicates in the sentences given below.

1. Ratan sleeps in his bed. He uses two pillows.
2. Yamini and Karan stood by the bus stop. They waited for an hour.
3. The alarm clock rang loudly.
4. The boys laughed and chatted among themselves.
5. Post these letters, please.

B. Match the subjects with the predicates.

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| 1. The naughty boy | d | a. played with the building blocks. |
| 2. (You) | e | b. attracted the greedy fox. |
| 3. Assam | f | c. sets interesting question papers. |
| 4. Khushi's friends | h | d. broke the glass box. |
| 5. The little children | a | e. Close the door. |
| 6. The ripe grapes | b | f. is a beautiful state. |
| 7. My teacher | c | g. growled in anger. |
| 8. The tigress | g | h. played carrom with her. |

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Subject Word

Read these sentences carefully.

- Lalit ate a ripe mango.
- The boy Lalit from next door plucked a mango from the tree.

In the first sentence, the subject is the noun **Lalit**.

In the second sentence, the subject is the noun and its description, **the boy Lalit from next door**.

Let us look at some more examples.

- **The lady in the blue sari** is my aunt.
- **The muddy shoes in the corner** are mine.
- **The gloves that Grandma knit for me** are the best.



PRACTISE

C. Complete the sentences with subjects of at least four words.

1. The class 5 students sang the songs loudly.
2. The cute little girl looks very happy today.
3. The talented Indian swimmers swam the length and breadth of the pool.
4. An old oil lamp was burning at night.
5. My favourite book is full of poems by Lewis Carroll.
6. These wild green plants need water and sunlight to grow.
7. My careless friends lost the ball in the park.
8. All our close relatives got a gift for Jatin.



D. Complete the sentences with predicates of at least six words. Underline the verbs.

1. The cheerful boy smiled happily at me.
2. The inquisitive girl asked many questions.
3. The beautiful house had a garden full of roses.
4. The patient tortoise moved slowly and steadily.
5. The angry policeman ran behind the thief.
6. The sincere student completed her homework on time.
7. The injured bird cried in pain.
8. The red car was parked on the side of the road.

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Subjects in Interrogative Sentences

Read these sentences. Notice the words in colour.

- Are the boys cooking for the party?
- Where have you bought these crayons from?

In interrogative sentences, the subject of the sentence is placed after the question word and/or the verbs **is, am, are, was, were, has, have, had, will, shall**. The rest of the predicate comes after the subject.

PRACTISE

E. Underline the subjects in these sentences.

1. Do you go to school?
2. Did Madhav miss the train?
3. Have the cats eaten yet?
4. Can Rina mail me the letter?
5. Are you travelling this weekend?
6. Is the pudding inside the fridge?
7. What have you got for lunch?
8. Where have the students kept the notebooks?



PLAY



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I. Work in groups and make a sentence wheel like the one shown here. Your teacher will assign you different subject words.

