

Parts of the Sentence

SUBJECT AND VERBS

HELPFUL HINTS:

- REMOVE / OMIT ALL PREPOSITIONAL PHRASES
- INVERT WHEN NECESSARY
- BEWARE OF COMPOUND SUBJECTS AND COMPOUND VERBS

SUBJECT AND VERB

- **Subject**- The main word or group of words that tells whom or what the sentence is about.
- **Predicate**- Tells something about the subject

SUBJECT AND VERBS

- PRINCIPAL GAVE
- HE GAVE THE BOOK TO NANCY
- THE NASTY DROUGHT DESTROYED THE CROPS

SIMPLE SUBJECTS AND VERBS

- **Simple Subject**- The main word or group of words that tells whom or what the sentence is about.
- **Simple Predicate**- A verb or verb phrase that tells something about the subject.

SIMPLE SUBJECTS AND VERBS

- SINCE THE BEGINNING OF TIME,
INSECTS HAVE ROAMED THE
EARTH

COMPOUNDS- MORE THAN ONE

COMPOUND SUBJECTS

Consists of two or more subjects that are joined together by a conjunction and have the same verb.

COMPOUND SUBJECTS

- THE MAN AND THE WOMAN ATE AT THE RESTAURANT.
 - BILL, SHELIA AND JAMES WENT TO THE STORE.
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COMPOUNDS- MORE THAN ONE

COMPOUND VERBS

Consists of two or more verbs that are joined together by a conjunction and have the same subject.

COMPOUND VERBS

- BEFORE BED, I BRUSH MY TEETH, COMB MY HAIR, AND SAY MY PRAYERS.
- SHE RUNS AND LIFTS WEIGHTS FOR EXERCISE.

WAYS TO FIND THE SUBJECT

- Ask who? or what? before the verb
 - The doctor went to the hospital.
 - Swimming fast towards the ship was the great white whale.

WAYS TO FIND THE SUBJECT

- The subject of a sentence expressing a command or request is always understood to be (YOU).

Request- Please bring me a napkin.

Command- Go to bed, John

Command- John, go to bed.

WAYS TO FIND THE SUBJECT

- The subject is never within a prep phrase.
 - A group of students went to the museum.
 - One of the tickets for the Flyers game sold for \$150
 - Out of the darkness came the loud sound of laughter.

WAYS TO FIND THE SUBJECT

- When the sentence expresses a question, the subject usually follows the verb.
 - Where are you going?
 - Have you read The Scarlet Letter?
 - Were Shakespeare's plays popular?

WAYS TO FIND THE SUBJECT

- The word there or here is never the subject of a sentence.

- There is the famous Mona Lisa.

- Here are your gloves.

COMPLEMENTS

DO

IO

PN

PA

Hints

- 1) Omit all prepositional phrases
- 2) Find the verb or verbs then determine whether AV or LV
 - If AV then DO / IO
 - If LV then PN / PA
- 3) Watch for uncommon LVs (sensory-type verbs)

DIRECT OBJECTS

- A word or word group that receives the action of a verb or shows the result of the action. A *direct object* tells whom or what after a transitive verb (a verb that takes an object).
- The drought destroyed the crops
- Kelly called me at noon.

DIRECT OBJECTS

- The teacher showed a film. _____
- They devoured the turkey dinner.
- I sent a letter to him.
- TJ received an award. _____
- Chris signed the agreement.

INDIRECT OBJECTS

- A word or word group that comes between a transitive verb and a DO. It tells to whom or for whom, or to what or for what the action of the verb is done.

INDIRECT OBJECTS

- The animal trainer fed the bears fish.
- James sent them a letter.
- The teacher showed the class a film.
- Tom gave Maria a picture.
- I sent Susan a letter.

BEWARE OF *TO* AND *FOR*

- Don't confuse *indirect objects* with an object of the preposition *to* or *for*.

- The animal trainer fed fish to the bears.

The animal trainer fed the bears fish.

- James sent a letter to them.

James sent them a letter.

BEWARE OF COMPOUNDS

Indirect objects may be compounds

- Janice built John and Mary a model on the kitchen table.
- He showed Mom and Dad the car.

DO / IO EXTRAS

- John writes stories about his family.
- She gave Tom a glimpse into her heart.
- I applauded her efforts and achievements.
- Her novel won critical acclaim.
- His essay presented the teacher a new view.
- Ian's new relationship gave him inspiration.

SUBJECT COMPLEMENTS

Predicate Nominative

- The word or group of words that follows a linking verb and refers to the same person or thing as the subject of the verb.

PREDICATE NOMINATIVE

- The red bird with the long, slender neck is a scarlet ibis.
- Tom Clancy is a famous writer.
- Of the three applicants, Tammy is the most qualified individual.
- The man in the yellow hat is George's friend.

SUBJECT COMPLEMENTS

Predicate Adjective

An adjective that follows a linking verb and modifies the subject of the verb.

PREDICATE ADJECTIVE

- The ocean is calm.
 - All of the athletes look confident.
 - Does the orange taste bitter?
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- Although many people may not believe it, Ally really is very nice.

PN AND PA EXTRAS

- The woman is my mother. _____
- My mother is beautiful.
- She was a dancer years ago.
- A whale is a mammal.
- The winners were Devon and Mary.
- Little babies are cute and cuddly.

PN AND PA EXTRAS

- Chicago is a cold.
- Chicago is a cold city.
- You are the winner.
- Tom and Mary are nice friends.
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- Why is he so serious?

CLASSIFICATION OF SENTENCES

Declarative Sentence

Makes a statement and is followed by a period.

- The lock on the garage door is broken.
- Donovan McNabb led the eagles to the Super Bowl.

CLASSIFICATION OF SENTENCES

Interrogative Sentence

Asks a question & is followed by a ?.

- Have you seen a painting by Picasso?
- Is Joanne going to the basketball game?

CLASSIFICATION OF SENTENCES

Imperative Sentence

Makes a request or gives a command. It is followed by a period or !.

- Please give me possible dates for dinner.
- Call this number if you need me
- See me now! (*strong command*)

CLASSIFICATION OF SENTENCES

Exclamatory Sentence

Expresses strong feeling or shows excitement. It is followed by an !.

- In seven years, Hester, I have known nothing but misery!
- Never, I will never reveal the secret!