

Unit 1 — The Sentence II Subject & Predicate

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- A **sentence** is a group of words which express a complete thought. A sentence always contains a subject and a predicate.
My uncle arrived yesterday.
 - The **simple subject** is what the sentence is about.
My *uncle* arrived yesterday. (What is this sentence about? –*uncle*)
 - The **complete subject** is the simple subject plus its modifiers.
My Uncle Eddie, my mother's crazy brother, arrived yesterday.
 - The **verb** (the simple predicate) shows action, or links the subject to a complement, or shows existence.
My uncle *arrived* yesterday. (What is the action? –*arrived*)
 - The complete predicate is the verb, its modifiers, and any complement or object that comes after it.
My uncle *arrived yesterday by bus from Seattle*.
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Exercise 1 Finding the complete and simple predicate.

- (1.) Draw two lines under the verb (simple predicate— a single word). (2.) Draw a line to separate the complete subject and the complete predicate. Then find the simple subject by asking “who” or “what” in front of the verb. (3.) Draw a single line under the simple subject.

Example: Frost heaves in the highway | damaged my car's suspension.

1. The bus drove down the road.
2. Shawna's smile lit up the room.
3. Victor caught two small fish.
4. Elvis Presley lived in Memphis, Tennessee.
5. The students park by the football field.
6. The kitten chased the string.
7. The gray kitten seems lost.
8. The striped snake lay hidden.
9. His new shoe hurt his big toe.
10. The two socks stunk up the locker room.
11. Lisa's pictures capture the beauty of Victor.
12. The old Victor Cross bridge washed out during high water.
13. Several houses by the river flooded.
14. My cousin cuts his own hair.
15. Mr. Jamison's daughters love their daddy!
16. Mabel Lewis designs luggage for a living.
17. Travelers to Europe carry them often.
18. Her suitcases last.
19. Sunlight travels 93,000,000 miles to the earth.
20. Such qualities make her popular.
21. Bavaria receives many tourists each year.
22. Arizona receives very little rain.
23. Deserts cover most of the land.
24. Dolphins swim in the ocean.
25. The Berlin Wall separated East and West Berlin.