

Semester-2 Agenda: Complete & Simple Subject explained; Complete & Simple Subject video; Complete & Simple Subject exercise. February 23, 2015 Monday

Complete & Simple Subjects

Every sentence must have a subject and predicate.

The subject of a sentence is sometimes made up of several words which describe it in greater detail than a single word would. This is called a complete subject.

If you strip down the complete subject to its simplest noun, then you have the simple subject.

If extra descriptive information is not given for the subject, then the complete and simple subjects are the same.

The following worksheet gives students practice in identifying both the complete and simple subjects of a sentence.

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- The *simple subject* is the main word or word group that tells *whom* or *what* the sentence is about.
- The complete subject consists of all the words that tell whom or what a sentence is about.
- SIMPLE SUBJECT Example The study of small insects is a hobby of mine.
- COMPLETE SUBJECT Example The study of small insects is a hobby of mine.

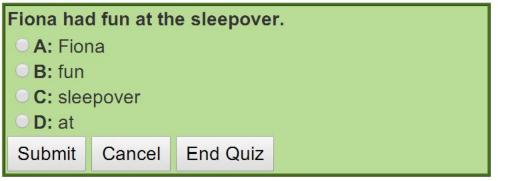


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For	each sentence, underline the comp	olete :	subject. Write out the simple
sub	ject.		
(1)	Written on the blue paper was a list of building instructions.	(9)	My grandfather built Justin and me the porch swing.
		(10)	The gray kitten behaved in a
(2)	The express train will arrive shortly.		playful manner
(3)		(11)	The girl with the short hair peered through the hole in the fence.
(4)	Wealthy merchants spent their money on beautiful artwork.	(12)	The old sailor told some children his amazing story.
		(13)	The payment for the horse was a dozen fat chickens.
(5)	Danielle's grandfather was a mechanical engineer.	(14)	The cardboard box contained a set of fine porcelain dishes.
(6)	The math students opened their books to chapter eight.	(15)	The police chief gave a news reporter his statement.
(7)	Christian's volunteer work helped earn him admission to college.	(16)	My sister bought a new laptop computer for school.
(8)	Space exploration interested John.	(17)	Tribal warriors attacked their enemies with primitive weapons.

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ANSWER KEY

For each sentence, underline the complete subject. Write out the simple

sub	ject.		
(1)	Written on the blue paper was a list of building instructions.	(9)	My grandfather built Justin and me the porch swing. grandfather
(2)	The express train will arrive shortly. train	(10)	The gray kitten behaved in a playful manner. kitten The girl with the short hair peered
(3)	The phone company sent Stephanie an updated bill. company	(12)	through the hole in the fence. girl The old sailor told some children
(4)	Wealthy merchants spent their money on beautiful artwork. merchants	(13)	his amazing story. sailor The payment for the horse was a dozen fat chickens. payment
(5)	Danielle's grandfather was a mechanical engineer. grandfather	(14)	The cardboard box contained a set of fine porcelain dishes.
(6)	The math students opened their books to chapter eight. students	(15)	The police chief gave a news reporter his statement. chief
(7)	Christian's volunteer work helped earn him admission to college. work	(16)	My sister bought a new laptop computer for school. sister
(8)	Space exploration interested John. exploration	(17)	<u>Tribal warriors</u> attacked their enemies with primitive weapons. <u>warriors</u>

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