



# Lesson-03 Semester-2

## Complete & Simple Subject

February 23, 2015 Monday



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## Agenda:

- Complete & Simple Subject explained;
- Complete & Simple Subject video;
- Complete & Simple Subject exercise.

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# 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.

# Complete & Simple Subjects

- 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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Find the Complete Subject Quiz

**Question: 4 of 10**

Select the answer and click submit:

Fiona had fun at the sleepover.

- ☐ A: Fiona
- ☐ B: fun
- ☐ C: sleepover
- ☐ D: at

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End Quiz



# Complete Subjects & Simple Subjects

Durham College Grammar  
Module 2A: Sentence Patterns  
and Elements

Complete and Simple Subjects.mp4

## Complete &amp; Simple Subjects

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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| <p>(1) Written on the blue paper was<br/>a list of building instructions.<br/>_____ list _____</p> <p>(2) The express train will arrive<br/>shortly. _____</p> <p>(3) The phone company sent<br/>Stephanie an updated bill.<br/>_____</p> <p>(4) Wealthy merchants spent their<br/>money on beautiful artwork.<br/>_____</p> <p>(5) Danielle's grandfather was a<br/>mechanical engineer.<br/>_____</p> <p>(6) The math students opened their<br/>books to chapter eight. _____</p> <p>(7) Christian's volunteer work helped<br/>earn him admission to college.<br/>_____</p> <p>(8) Space exploration interested John.<br/>_____</p> | <p>(9) My grandfather built Justin and me<br/>the porch swing. _____</p> <p>(10) The gray kitten behaved in a<br/>playful manner. _____</p> <p>(11) The girl with the short hair peered<br/>through the hole in the fence.<br/>_____</p> <p>(12) The old sailor told some children<br/>his amazing story. _____</p> <p>(13) The payment for the horse was a<br/>dozen fat chickens. _____</p> <p>(14) The cardboard box contained a set<br/>of fine porcelain dishes.<br/>_____</p> <p>(15) The police chief gave a news<br/>reporter his statement. _____</p> <p>(16) My sister bought a new laptop<br/>computer for school. _____</p> <p>(17) Tribal warriors attacked their<br/>enemies with primitive weapons.<br/>_____</p> |
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## Complete &amp; Simple Subjects

## ANSWER KEY

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

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