

Lesson-03 Semester-2

Complete & Simple Subject

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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 & Simple Subjects

Name: _____ Date: _____

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

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|---|---|
| (1) Written on the blue paper was
a list of building instructions.
_____ list _____ | (9) My grandfather built Justin and me
the porch swing. _____ |
| (2) The express train will arrive
shortly. _____ | (10) The gray kitten behaved in a
playful manner. _____ |
| (3) The phone company sent
Stephanie an updated bill.
_____ | (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. _____ |
| (5) Danielle's grandfather was a
mechanical engineer.
_____ | (13) The payment for the horse was a
dozen fat chickens. _____ |
| (6) The math students opened their
books to chapter eight. _____ | (14) The cardboard box contained a set
of fine porcelain dishes.
_____ |
| (7) Christian's volunteer work helped
earn him admission to college.
_____ | (15) The police chief gave a news
reporter his statement. _____ |
| (8) Space exploration interested John.
_____ | (16) My sister bought a new laptop
computer for school. _____ |
| | (17) Tribal warriors attacked their
enemies with primitive weapons.
_____ |

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ANSWER KEY

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| (2) <u>The express train</u> will arrive
shortly. <u>train</u> | (10) <u>The gray kitten</u> behaved in a
playful manner. <u>kitten</u> |
| (3) <u>The phone company</u> sent
Stephanie an updated bill.
<u>company</u> | (11) <u>The girl with the short hair</u> peered
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<u>girl</u> |
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<u>merchants</u> | (12) <u>The old sailor</u> told some children
his amazing story. <u>sailor</u> |
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enemies with primitive weapons.
<u>warriors</u> |

Thanks!