

# Rule 2

Every complete sentence has  
a subject and a predicate.

- **Subject**—names the person, place, or thing the sentence is about.

The **complete subject** contains all the words that tell who or what the sentence is about.

The **simple subject** is the main noun or pronoun in the subject.

simple subject  
*My crazy cat climbed all over the furniture.*  
 complete subject

- **Predicate**—tells what the subject is or does.

The **complete predicate** contains all the words that tell what the subject is or does.

The **simple predicate** is the verb of the sentence.

simple predicate  
*Wild pigs trampled the plants in the cornfield.*  
 complete predicate

## Subjects & Predicates

# What's Missing?

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The following groups of words are not complete sentences. Decide whether each sentence fragment is missing a **subject** or a **predicate**. Circle your responses.

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| <b>1.</b> goes to the store                 | subject | predicate |
| <b>2.</b> the weather today                 | subject | predicate |
| <b>3.</b> Morgan's beautiful dress          | subject | predicate |
| <b>4.</b> sat down to dinner early tonight  | subject | predicate |
| <b>5.</b> never liked apple pie much        | subject | predicate |
| <b>6.</b> the glorious night sky            | subject | predicate |
| <b>7.</b> fifteen second-grade students     | subject | predicate |
| <b>8.</b> sings like an angel               | subject | predicate |
| <b>9.</b> has a summer home in Florida      | subject | predicate |
| <b>10.</b> was quite a fisherman in his day | subject | predicate |
| <b>11.</b> Tim's favorite school subject    | subject | predicate |
| <b>12.</b> Grant's favorite music group     | subject | predicate |

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# Fragments into Sentences

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Write a complete sentence using each of the following sentence fragments. When you have finished, go back and circle the subject and underline the predicate in each of your sentences.

**1.** a gigantic dinosaur

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**2.** swam across the river

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**3.** nibbled on the grass

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**4.** Herman and Hetty

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**5.** raced down the street

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**6.** my cousin Roberto

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# Subjects and Predicates

Draw one line under each complete subject. Write **SS** above the simple subject.  
Draw two lines under each complete predicate. Write **SP** above the simple predicate.

**SS** **SP**  
The large cat jumped on top of the brick wall.

1. My hungry friends hunted for food in the kitchen.
2. Margo petted the tiny kitten.
3. The busy workers painted the whole house in one day.
4. The frightened dog hid under the porch.
5. Several heavy packages arrived in the mail this morning.
6. Carla's friend Margo came for a long visit.
7. Twelve silver sardines darted among the kelp blades.
8. Sam hit two home runs in the last game.
9. The large moving van was unable to turn into our driveway.
10. Melissa, my next-door neighbor, plays trumpet in the school band.