

SUBJECTS



Become a Super Writer

Juanita is writing a story set at the time of the American Revolution. This is the first sentence of her story.

(Anne) and (Douglas) heard the sounds of horses' hooves.

The complete subject in the sentence is underlined. The simple subjects are circled. Since there is more than one simple subject, the sentence has a compound subject.

Definition • Usage

A **simple subject** is the main noun or pronoun in the complete subject.

A **complete subject** includes all the words that tell whom or what the sentence is about.

A **compound subject** has two or more simple subjects that have the same predicate and are joined by the words *and* or *or*.

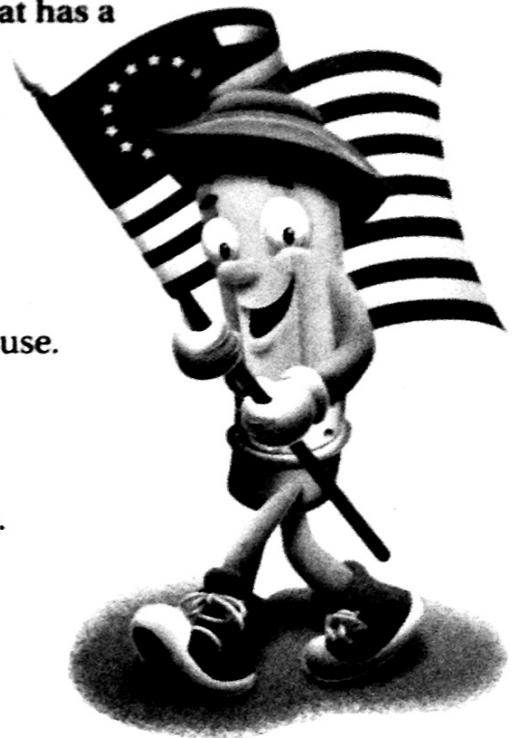
Your Turn

Underline the complete subject of each sentence. Circle all the simple subjects. Circle the first letter of each sentence that has a compound subject.

1. Anne and Douglas stayed home from school that day.
2. They heard the sounds of a church bell ringing.
3. Anne followed the sounds to the town square.
4. Douglas and their father were close behind.
5. Some men and women were entering the meeting house.
6. Anne, Douglas, and their father went inside, too.
7. A tired messenger announced the good news.
8. The colonies had declared their independence at last.
9. The Founding Fathers had signed the declaration.
10. Many friends and neighbors cheered.

Use the circled letters to write the last name of a father and son who served as U.S. presidents.

11. _ _ _ _ _



Juanita added historical facts to her story. Add a complete or compound subject to finish each sentence, using words from the word bank. The clues will help you choose. You'll need to use some words more than once.

Bunker Hill	the English	the American patriots	Thomas Gage
Yorktown	Breed's Hill	George Washington	bayonets
muskets		Deborah Sampson	

12. _____ fought against each other in the war. (Clue: two groups of people)
13. _____ commanded the American troops. (Clue: one person)
14. _____ commanded the British soldiers in North America. (Clue: one person)
15. _____ were hills in Massachusetts where early battles took place. (Clue: two places)
16. _____ cut off her hair and disguised herself as a soldier. (Clue: one woman)
17. _____ were among the weapons of the American soldiers. (Clue: two things)
18. _____ spent a long, cold winter at Valley Forge. (Clue: one person and one group of people)
19. _____ surrendered at Yorktown, the war's last major battle. (Clue: one group of people)

Editing

Juanita's story ended with a journal entry telling how Anne felt. Add words to the simple subjects to make them more interesting. Circle the compound subject.

Mistakes

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The war is ovur! Our new country signed a treaty with England in paris, france. A man told us the news. He rode from Boston. Men, women, and children from all over town gathered in the meting house. The children shouted and ran when they heard the news. We had a party on the village green. Familys came from many miles away. Everywun was happy that the fighting had finally stopped.