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Complete Subjects and Predicates

Teaching

A sentence is a group of words that expresses a complete thought. Every complete sentence has two basic parts: a subject and a predicate.

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

Wildlife conservationists monitor endangered animals.

The **complete predicate** includes the verb and all the words that tell what the subject is or what the subject does.

Endangered animals need protection.

Identifying Complete Subjects and Complete Predicates

Underline the complete subject once and the complete predicate twice.

Example The blue whale needs protection from commercial hunters.

1. The clearing of forests destroys many animals' habitats.
2. Some animals cannot adapt to new environments.
3. New laws protect the habitat of many threatened animals.
4. American bison became an endangered species in the 1800s.
5. The bison herd is growing once again.
6. Dangerous chemicals in the water and on land poison some types of animals and birds.
7. National parks provide a safe place for animals to live.
8. The California condor population is getting bigger.
9. Many scientists are working to save the giant panda.
10. The Asiatic lion and the Bengal tiger still face extinction.
11. Endangered animals are the group most in danger of becoming extinct.
12. Threatened animals may be at risk as well.
13. Zoos raise some endangered animals in captivity.
14. Peregrine falcons and Hawaiian geese have been raised successfully this way.
15. Grown animals are released into wildlife refuges or national parks.
16. Pelican Island in Florida was the first federal wildlife refuge in the U. S.
17. The Fish and Wildlife Service helps to preserve endangered animals.
18. The World Wildlife Fund raises money for conservation programs.
19. About 40 kinds of birds became extinct in the last 200 years.
20. Two lost species are the passenger pigeon and the Carolina parakeet.
21. The California grizzly bear could not be saved from extinction.

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More Practice

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A. Identifying Complete Subjects and Predicates

Draw a vertical line between the complete subject and the complete predicate in each of the following sentences.

Example Several animals | are endangered today.

1. Tropical forests contain more kinds of animals than any other place.
2. Biologists discovered 43 different ants in one tree in South America.
3. A change in the tropical forest affects many species.
4. Many conservationists are worried about the destruction of tropical forests.
5. Pollution harms some types of animals as well.
6. Acid rain kills some animals and fish.
7. State and federal authorities want lower pollution levels.
8. Overhunting in an area changes the animal population.
9. Species often cannot maintain themselves in the face of these problems.
10. Yellowstone National Park is one of the biggest wildlife refuges in the United States.

B. Using Complete Subjects and Predicates

On the line to the right of each item, write how each group of words could be used: **CS** for a complete subject or **CP** for a complete predicate. Then use each group of words in a complete sentence, adding a complete subject or complete predicate as needed.

Example a beautiful bird *CS*
A beautiful bird landed on my windowsill.

1. a delicious picnic lunch _____

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2. marched down the street _____

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3. big cities _____

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4. won the race _____

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Application

A. Revising by Adding Details

Add details to the subjects and predicates to make these simple sentences more interesting.

1. Fish swim.

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2. Birds fly.

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3. Lions roam.

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4. Scientists study.

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5. Turtles live.

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6. Elephants travel.

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B. Writing with Complete Subjects and Complete Predicates

One student wrote these notes for a report. Because he was in a hurry, he wrote them as sentence fragments, not complete sentences. Review his notes, and rewrite the fragments as complete sentences with complete subjects and predicates. If you like, you may combine two or more fragments in a single sentence.

> Successful conservation effort by Museum of Natural History. Eagle eggs found. Nest destroyed. Eggs in incubator at museum. Tried to get newly hatched eaglets to eat. Food from an eyedropper. Later, eagle's head hand puppet used to feed bits of meat. Museum built nest in tree. Taught birds to fly down from nest. Finally able to fly and get own food. Released into wildlife preserve with other eagles.

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