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Teachers of the World:

It's no secret to us that teachers are really superheroes. You possess the extraordinary power to inspire large groups of children. You have the amazing ability to transfer knowledge directly into their minds. And we're also pretty sure that most of you have eyes in the backs of your heads.

A MESSAGE FROM THE AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR

But we also know that, even with these tremendous powers, teaching the subject of English grammar can be a difficult task.

Knowing this, we offer you help in the form of our book: *Super Grammar*, a fun, visual, and highly engaging approach to teaching English grammar using superheroes and supervillains.

In our experience, the best learning tools have always included these three things: word association, visual aids, and superpowers. For this reason, we've taken word functions and have transformed them into superpowers!

Also, our illustrated and colorful example sentences will help students practice and remember the grammar they're learning, but *Super Grammar* will never use run-ofthe-mill, textbook examples like, "Jane washed her hands before dinner." No! *Super Grammar* will only use Super-Examples like, "The masked hero rescued the crowd."

So, good teachers of the world, when it comes to teaching English grammar—have no fear, *Super Grammar* is here!

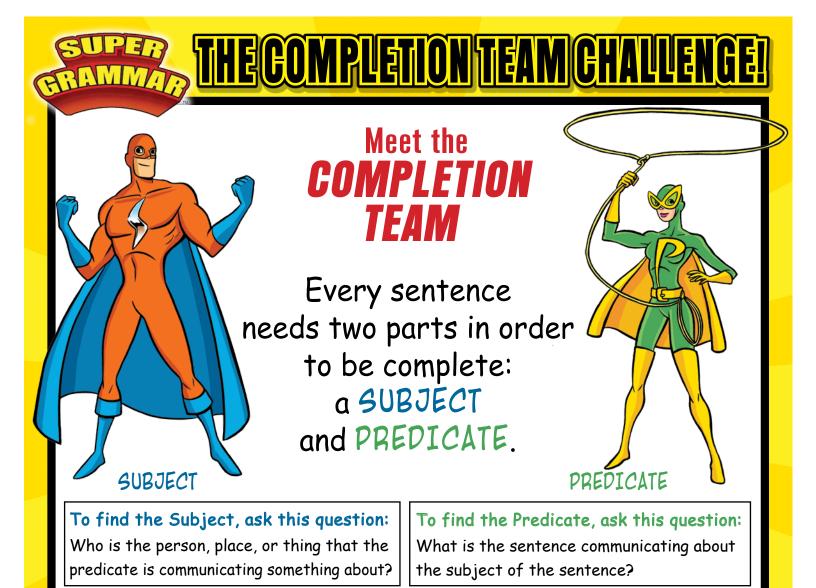
Sincerely,

Tony Preciado and Rhode Montijo

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WORKSHEET ANSWER KEY: Completion Team Activity—(1) Subject: Double Vision; Predicate: is looking for clues. (2) Subject: Rat-man; Predicate: cut the cheese. (3) Subject: The troubled city; Predicate: cried out for justice. Noun Team Activity—(1) Common Noun: plot; Proper Noun: Dr. Brainstorm (2) Common Noun: character; Proper Noun: Mudskipper Mugger (3) Common Noun: doomsday; Proper Noun: Friday Double Negative Team Activity—(1) You're no superhero. (2) You can't stop me. (3) He's never going to get away. Or: He's not going to get away.





TAKE THE CHALLENGE!

Can you find the Subject and Predicate in the sentences below? Underline the Subject and circle the Predicate in each of the following sentences.



1. Double Vision is looking for clues.



2. Rat-man cut the cheese.



3. The troubled city cried out for justice.

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Meet the **NOUN TEAM**

TEAM

The members of the Noun Team are a very flexible pair and with their superpowers, they can be any number of persons, places, or things within a sentence.

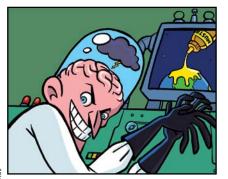


This shape-shifting superhero is the **Common Noun**. He can transform into any word that is a person, place, or thing within a sentence. **The Proper Noun** has the same shape-changing abilities as his partner, the Common Noun, but the Proper Noun will only use his powers to change into a person, place, or thing that has a specific or proper name.

PROPER NOUN

TAKE THE CHALLENGE!

Can you find the Common Noun and Proper Noun in the following sentences? Write your answers in the space provided below each sentence.



1. Dr. Brainstorm is hatching an evil plot.

Common Noun:



2. Mudskipper Mugger is a slippery character.

Common Noun:



3. Friday is doomsday.

Common Noun:

Proper Noun:

Proper Noun:

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Meet the **DOUBLE NEGATIVE TEAM**

DOUBLE NEGATIVE TEAM CHALLENGE

If the troublesome twins get you to use two negative words in the same sentence, then they've succeeded in tricking you into making a grammar mistake.

TAKE THE CHALLENGE!

Can you spot the Double Negatives?

Draw an X through the extra negative word in each of the following sentences. Then write the corrected sentence in the space provided below.



1. You're not no superhero.



2. You can't never stop me.



3.He's not never going to get away.

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