

# ★ Grammar Rules ★

**SUBJECT** - The person or thing in a sentence that does an action.

example: My father mailed the letter.

**PREDICATE** - The part of the sentence that contains the action or state of being (verb).

example: My sister and I walked home after school.

**OBJECT** - The person or thing affected by the action of the subject.

example: The baby drank her milk.

**SENTENCE** - A group of words that make sense all by itself. A sentence always begins with a capital letter, ends with punctuation mark, and contains a subject and predicate.

example: The brown dog chased the ball.

subject: The brown dog

Predicate: Chased the ball.

**SIMPLE SENTENCE** - A sentence with one subject and one predicate.

example: The flower is red.

A simple sentence can also have a plural subject and/or a plural predicate.

examples: plural subject: The two friends went to the store.

plural predicate: The dog jumped and barked.

**COMPOUND SENTENCE** - A sentence containing two or more simple sentences joined together by a comma or a conjunction.

example: Mike likes to skate, and his sister likes to watch.

**COMPLEX SENTENCE** - A sentence consisting of one independent clause and two or more dependent clauses.

example: We will eat lunch when the bell rings or when we get hungry.

**DECLARATIVE SENTENCE** - A sentence that states an opinion or fact.

examples: My teacher is nice. My book has 48 pages.

**IMPERATIVE SENTENCE** - A sentence that gives a command

examples: Take home your workbook. Be kind to your brother.

**INTERROGATIVE SENTENCE** - A sentence that asks a question and ends with a question mark.

examples: How far can you run? What time is it?

**PARAGRAPH** - One or more sentences in a group related to the same idea or topic. (The first sentence of a paragraph is usually indented.)

example: The name of my school is Madison Middle School. It is located on Pine Street, just down from my house. It has a large playground and twelve classrooms. It is a great place for children to learn and study.