1. Subjects and Predicates

Discuss

Every sentence has a subject and a predicate.

The complete subject, underlined below, tells who or what the sentence is about.

The wild horses ran freely along the shore.

The simple subject is the most important word in the complete subject.

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Together, read the sentences below. Identify the complete subject and the simple subject.

Several tourists watched the horses.

The newborn colt stayed close to its mother.

The complete predicate of a sentence, underlined below, tells what the subject does or is.

The wild horses ran freely along the shore.

The most important word in the complete predicate is the verb. The verb is called the simple predicate.

Several tourists watched the horses.

Together, read the sentences below. Identify the complete predicate and the simple predicate.

The newborn colt stayed close to its mother.

The older colts played together on the beach.
Writing Practice
Copy each sentence. Then draw a line between the complete subject and the complete predicate.

Example: Most of the dancers/come from Spain.

1. The audience was fascinated by the performance.

2. All of the performers wore beautiful costumes.

3. Two guitarists provided the music.

4. Everyone in the audience applauded.

5. This group has fans all over the world.

Partner Work
1. Check your Writing Practice work with your partner. Did you correctly separate the complete subject from the complete predicate? Make any corrections that are needed.

2. Read the following sentences with your partner. Draw a line between the complete subject and the complete predicate. Then underline the simple subject once. Underline the simple predicate twice.

Example: The youngest kids/swim in the shallow pool.

a. My older brother applied for a job at the pool.
b. Ralph is an excellent swimmer.
c. He often gives lessons at the YMCA.
d. Most little children need lots of instruction about safety.
e. A responsible parent watches the child every minute.

Writing on Your Own
Write a sentence about each of the following topics. Draw a line between the complete subject and the complete predicate. Underline the simple subject once. Underline the simple predicate twice.

Example: Topic: music
I/ like rap music.

1. Topic: pet(s)

2. Topic: book(s)

3. Topic: friendship

4. Topic: food

5. Topic: car(s)
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1. The audience/was fascinated by the performance.
2. All of the performers/wore beautiful costumes.
3. Two guitarists/provided the music.
4. Everyone in the audience/applauded.
5. This group/has fans all over the world.

Partner Work

2. 1. My older brother/applied for a job at the pool.
    2. Ralph/is an excellent swimmer.
    3. He/often gives lessons at the YMCA.
    4. Most little children/need lots of instruction about safety.
    5. A responsible parent/watches the child every minute.

Writing on Your Own
Answers will vary.