

## SUBJECTS & PREDICATES

### SUBJECTS

Subjects refer to the entities which accomplish the action of the sentence or are being described in the sentence. The subject is also known as the “doer” of the action. The subject is the entity "experiencing" or "in the state of being."

### SINGULAR, PLURAL, COMPOUND, AND CONCEPTUAL SUBJECTS

Subjects can be *singular*, *plural*, *compound*, or *conceptual*. However, they are without a doubt the main concept referred to in the sentence.

EX:

Elvis is a rock star. (Singular)

The Rolling Stones are rock stars. (Plural)

Eve and Missy Elliott are Hip-Hop divas, not rock stars. (Compound)

Working hard to get songs heard makes rock stars. (Complex)

Note: Typically, Complex Subjects are either noun phrases or noun clauses.

### SIMPLE AND COMPLETE SUBJECTS

Subjects may be categorized as *Simple* or *Complete*.

EX:

The blue fish will be easy to catch.

The blue fish (Complete)

Notice how the Complete Subject contains THE, an article/determiner; BLUE, an adjective; and, FISH, a noun)

fish (Simple)

Notice how the Simple Subject contains only the noun itself.

Subjects may be comprised of nouns, pronouns, a verbal (a gerund or infinitive), noun phrases, or noun clauses.

### NOUN PHRASES

Another type of subject is a Noun Phrase. A Noun Phrase is comprised of a noun and any modifiers

EX:

Fish

A Fish

A Flying fish

The Largest of the Flying Fish

## NOUN CLAUSES

Another type of subject is a Noun Clause. A Noun Clause is a group of words containing a subject and a verb.

EX:

Letting off the gas saved our lives inevitably.

Working for the children's museum is a commendable yet stressful endeavor.

## PREDICATES

Predicates are comprised of the main verb and anything following it (e.g. phrases, dependent clauses, modifiers).

EX:

Sam loves to go bowling.

Hector has his own bowling ball.

The predicate includes the verb LOVES and the phrase TO GO BOWLING.

Predicates may be singular or compound.

EX:

Sam is sad. (Singular)

Hector is sad and is crying. (Compound)