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Subject & Predicate / Fragments

1) Define -

- Subject - the person, place, thing, or idea that is doing or being
- Predicate - tells us what the subject does
- Fragment - a group of words that does not express a complete thought

2) Example - *The teacher is nice.*

- Subject - The teacher
- Predicate - is nice

3) Tips:

- Must have both parts!!!

PARTS OF SENTENCES I

Complete Subjects & Predicates Sentence or Fragment?

Complete Subjects & Predicates: A sentence is a group of words with two main parts: a complete subject and a complete predicate. Together these parts express a complete thought.

Complete Subjects	Complete Predicates
Everyone in our family	likes Mexican food.
The house down the street	has been for sale for months.
Fish	swim.

EXERCISE 1 > Recognizing Complete Subjects & Predicates. Examine the underlined portion of the sentence. Determine whether it is the complete subject (S) or the complete predicate (P), and write an S or P out to the side.

EXAMPLE: The bike with the missing reflector is mine. P

1. Azaleas do well in acid soil.
2. The last essay question was really challenging.
3. Most of the students in my class study hard.
4. The player with the most points at the end of the game loses.
5. You may have little trouble with the lock.

EXERCISE 2 > Identifying Complete Subjects and Predicates. In each sentence, UNDERLINE the complete subject and **BOLD** the complete predicate. Place a vertical line (|) between the complete subject and complete predicate (directly in front of the verbal phrase!!)

EXAMPLE: The tall ships | **sailed up the Atlantic Coast**.

1. Several members of that family have served in the armed forces.
2. Louise borrowed my sweater last week.
3. A pane in one of the bedroom windows cracked.
4. Lemmings follow their leader to their death.
5. A portrait of my grandmother hangs above the mantle.
6. The first pianist on the program seemed nervous.
7. All the children in the neighborhood enjoyed the new playground.
8. Searchlights from the rescue ship flashed across the water.
9. The fans of the losing team groaned.
10. Philip or his brother will surely help you.

Sentence or Fragment?: A fragment is a group of words that does not express a complete thought.

Fragments	Complete Sentences
Early Sunday afternoon The beautiful phoenix Rose from its own ashes	Our weekend guests left early Sunday afternoon. The beautiful phoenix was a mythical bird. The phoenix rose from its own ashes.

EXERCISE 3 > Distinguishing Between Sentences and Fragments. On the line below, write S for each sentence and F for each fragment.

EXAMPLE: Throughout the day and into the night. ____ F ____

1. Without any trouble at all. _____
2. Played quietly after dinner. _____
3. Pete plays the piccolo. _____
4. Beyond our wildest expectations. _____
5. Yellowstone Park attracts many tourists. _____
6. People from all parts of the world. _____
7. The contestant with the most unusual costume. _____
8. Has traveled widely throughout the United States. _____
9. The prospector struck oil. _____
10. Robins fly south for the winter. _____