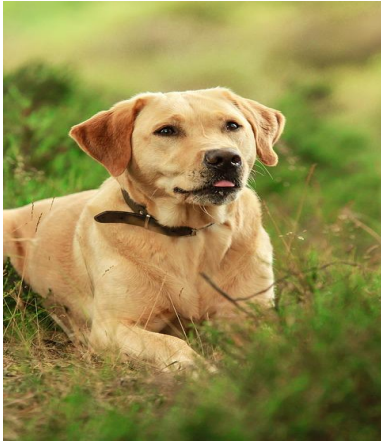




Subjects and Verbs

For each sentence, underline the subject *once* and the verb *twice*.

Daisy Russell lives in Massachusetts. Her dog's name is Tegan.
They often walk together in the park. Sometimes, they even take
trips together. Once, they visited Daisy's brother. His name is
Steven. He lives in a lake house and enjoys fishing. Tegan always
helps Steven when they go fishing.

Don't be confused by Prepositional Phrases...

Prepositions are words that relate one noun to another in a sentence. Common prepositions include *about, after, as, at, before, between, by, during, for, from, in, into, like, of, on, outside, over, through, to, toward, with, and without*. A **prepositional phrase** begins with a preposition and ends with a noun; it adds extra information to the sentence. EXAMPLES:

The woman *on that motorcycle* has no helmet.

The cracks and booms *during the thunderstorm* were terrifying.

One *of my classmates* fell asleep during class.

The **subject** of a sentence is never part of the prepositional phrase. To eliminate confusion, cross out the prepositional phrase before you identify the subject.

In the following sentences, cross out the prepositional phrase. Then, underline the subject once and the verb twice. (Hint: use the preposition list above!)

1. David cooks many meals for his parents.
2. Heather practiced cartwheels in the driveway.
3. The symbol on that notebook has many meanings.
4. Adam kicked the ball into the woods.
5. Grace talked for ten minutes during her presentation.
6. One of the gifts from Andy was very funny!
7. Tim and Anya laughed during the entire performance.
8. Through the window, we could see the hummingbird.

Some verbs need a little help from their friends...

Many **verbs** consist of a **main verb** and a **helping verb** (or two!). Some helping verbs are:

Forms of **be**: be, am, is, are, was, were, being, been

Forms of **have**: have, has, had

Forms of **do**: do, does, did

Others: can, could, may, might, must, ought, shall, should, will, would

In each sentence, cross out the prepositional phrase(s). Then, underline the subject once, the verb twice (don't forget the helping verb if there is one!).

1. Dogs at the animal shelter wait for a good home.
2. The ice cream on the counter is melting quickly!
3. Without warning, the computer did go blank.
4. The kitchen in my grandmother's house smells like vanilla and cinammon.
5. A tractor trailer was stalled in the middle of the highway.
6. The orange in the refrigerator has purple spots of mold.
7. Some people might cry during this movie.
8. Several puppies were playing in the park.
9. Asher must remember to do his homework.
10. By the end of the day, Asher and the puppies were tired.