

Subject and Predicate



S.No.1

A simple sentence that we speak or write consists of two parts: a **subject** and a **predicate**.

The person or thing we speak about is the **subject**. A subject may be one word or more than one word.

What we speak about that person or thing is the **predicate**. A predicate may be one word or more than one word.

Subject

Predicate

- Examples
1. The rich are not always happy.
 2. Honesty is the best policy.
 3. A bad worker quarrels with his tools.
 4. Birds fly in the air.
 5. The cat chased the rats.



In the above examples, the group of words in colour are the subjects of the sentences. The underlined groups of words are the predicates of the sentences.

Order of Subject and Predicate

1. The subject usually comes first in the sentence. Sometimes, however, this order is not followed:
Down the stairs slipped **the boy**.
2. In interrogative sentences, the subject usually comes after a part of the predicate:
Are **trees** shedding their leaves?
3. In exclamatory sentences, the subject is placed after the predicate:
How beautiful is **the sunset**!
4. In imperative sentences, the subject is generally omitted:
Thank you. = **(I)** thank you.
Stand up. = **(You)** stand up.



S.No. 2

A- Underline the Subjects in the following sentences-

1- Marine life is beautiful.

2- Owls hoot at night.

3- Your jacket is very soft.

4- The flight was delayed by two hours.

5- Michael Phelps won many gold medals at the Olympics.

6- Dodo is an extinct bird.

7- Mary had a little lamb

8- The baby is crying for milk.

9- The man in the blue turban is my father.

10- The beggar could not move any more.

Answer-

1- Marine life

2- Owls

3- Your jacket

4- The flight

5- Michael Phelps

6- Dodo

7- Mary

8- The Baby

9- The man in the blue turban

10- The beggar

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B. Underline the predicates in the following sentences.

1. You are a good student.
2. She sings a song.
3. Mohan plays cricket.
4. The ecosystem is very fast and varied.
5. Ram is reading his book.
6. The new lesson is very interesting.
7. Animals and Plants depend on each other.
8. The King suffered a foot injury.
9. Many diseases are caused by mosquitoes.
10. This is a good book.

Answer-

1. are a good student.
2. sings a song.
3. plays cricket.
4. is very fast and varied.
5. is reading his book.
6. is very interesting.
7. depend on the each other.
8. suffered a foot injury.
9. are caused by mosquitoes.
10. is a good book.

S.No. 4

C- Fill in the blanks with a suitable predicate.

- 1- Donkey
- 2- The tailor
- 3- It
- 4- You
- 5- I
- 6- Grammar
- 7- The car
- 8- Mohan
- 9- We
- 10- She

Answer-

- 1- bray
- 2- stitch clothes
- 3- is raining
- 4- are a good student
- 5- I am a player
- 6- Grammar is an interesting subject.
- 7- The car is white
- 8- plays match
- 9- We are going to school.
- 10- She sings a good song.