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# Subjects and Predicates

Every sentence has a **subject** and a **predicate**. The **subject** is the part of the sentence that tells whom or what the sentence is about. All the words in the subject are called the **complete subject**. The **simple subject** is the most important word in the complete subject. A simple subject can be more than one word, as in *United States*.

**Complete Subject**      The mountains in America reminded him of home.

**Simple Subject**      The mountains in America reminded him of home.

The **predicate** is the part of the sentence that tells what the subject is or does. All the words in the predicate are called the **complete predicate**. The **simple predicate**, or **verb**, is the most important word in the complete predicate. A simple predicate can be more than one word, as in *was going*.

**Complete Predicate**      The mountains in America reminded him of home.

**Simple Predicate**      The mountains in America reminded him of home.

A **compound subject** is made up of two or more simple subjects. A **compound predicate** is made up of two or more simple predicates.

**Compound Subject**      The forests and deserts amazed him.

**Compound Predicate**      He traveled and worked in the United States.

**Directions** Look at the letters after each sentence. Circle the complete subject when you see *CS*, the simple subject when you see *SS*, the complete predicate when you see *CP*, and the simple predicate when you see *SP*.

1. The United States is home to millions of people from overseas. CP
2. This nation was founded by immigrants. SP
3. Many of the newcomers are from Asia. CS
4. Some become U.S. citizens. SS
5. More people are arriving every day. SP



**Home Activity** Your child learned about subjects and predicates. Ask your child to find sentences in a newspaper or magazine. Have him or her identify the simple subject and simple predicate in each sentence.