

19.1 Subjects and Verbs (Complete Subjects and Predicates) • Practice 1

Complete Subjects and 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 on the team	tried hard.
The opposing players	did their best, too.
We	lost.

Exercise 1 Recognizing Complete Subjects and Predicates. Draw a vertical line between each complete subject and predicate.

EXAMPLE: The runner in the green shirt | won.

1. Wild zebras roamed through the game preserve.
2. Elena did not allow enough time for the last essay question.
3. That game requires recalling a lot of trivial information.
4. That huge package in the hallway makes me curious.
5. The owners arranged a private tour for us.
6. The first zoo in the United States was in Philadelphia.
7. It continues to operate even today.
8. Children enjoy it immensely.
9. Rides on camels or elephants are available.
10. I accepted the invitation promptly.

Exercise 2 More Work with Complete Subjects and Predicates. Follow the instructions in Exercise 1.

EXAMPLE: The pilgrims on the *Mayflower* | first landed at Provincetown.

1. That grapefruit tree in the corner grew from a seed ten years ago.
2. The stranger's behavior aroused the security guard's suspicion.
3. Male and female crocodiles carry their young in their mouths.
4. Hieroglyphics were the picture writings of the ancient Egyptians.
5. Spectators applauded with great enthusiasm.
6. A small ferry boat takes passengers on cruises around the islands.
7. Thanksgiving Day is always on the fourth Thursday in November.
8. Pumpkin pie is my favorite dessert.
9. Automobile safety belts save thousands of lives every year.
10. Jeremy phoned home after school.