

# 19.1 Subjects and Verbs (Simple Subjects and Predicates) • Practice 1

**Simple Subjects and Predicates** The *simple subject* is the essential noun, pronoun, or group of words acting as a noun that cannot be left out of the complete subject. The *simple predicate* is the essential verb or verb phrase that cannot be left out of the complete predicate. A word that interrupts the verb phrase is not part of the simple predicate. In the chart below, the simple subjects are underlined once and the simple predicates are underlined twice.

Complete Subjects	Complete Predicates
Looking worried, <u>Tom</u>	<u>tried</u> the phone call again.
<u>Most</u> of us	<u>thought</u> the movie was boring.
Many <u>citizens</u> in this country	<u>do not</u> <u>vote</u> .
<u>Sherry</u>	<u>called</u> .

**Exercise 1** Recognizing Simple Subjects and Predicates. Draw a line between the complete subject and complete predicate in each sentence. Then, underline each simple subject once and predicate twice.

EXAMPLE: Each of my friends | has an entirely different personality.

- Many of the photographs had become brittle with age.
- We enjoyed the picnic in spite of the showers.
- The organizers of the event were unhappy with the turnout.
- The sound of emergency vehicles pierced the night.
- All of the members of that group wear outrageous clothing.
- You promised me another chance.
- A few of the committee members did not attend.
- A number of beachfront properties were destroyed by the hurricane.
- Who volunteered for the clean-up committee?
- Mom had not ordered the curtains yet.

**Exercise 2** Adding Sentence Parts. Each word group below is missing either a complete subject or a complete predicate. Write the missing part to create a complete sentence. Then circle the simple subject and underline the simple predicate.

EXAMPLE: The guest (speaker) at the banquet was the governor.

- \_\_\_\_\_ reads several books a week.
- \_\_\_\_\_ receives a friendly welcome.
- No one in my homeroom \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ bats left-handed.
- The chef in that restaurant \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ arrived in record time.
- \_\_\_\_\_ are elected to six-year terms.
- Every member of the club \_\_\_\_\_.
- The nickname of our state \_\_\_\_\_.
- Most of the animals in the circus \_\_\_\_\_.