

Complete Subjects and Complete Predicates

- The complete subject includes all the words that tell whom or what the sentence is about.
- The complete predicate includes all the words that tell what the subject is, has, does, or feels.
- Notice that the sentence does not have to be short to be simple. It can have many phrases and still be a “simple” sentence.

Complete Subject	Complete Predicate
An early form of the bicycle	was invented in France in 1690.
It	did not have pedals or steering!
The huge, green, slimy alien from Mars	waved to us from his space ship.

Simple Subjects and Simple Predicates

- The simple subject is the key word or words in the complete subject. It is usually a noun or a pronoun.
- The simple predicate is the key word or words in the complete predicate. It is always a verb.

Complete Subject	Complete Predicate
The man in the doorway	is my Uncle Fred.
Simple Subject	Simple Predicate
man	is
Complete Subject	Complete Predicate
The huge, green, slimy alien from Mars	waved to us from his space ship.
Simple Subject	Simple Predicate
alien	waved