Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #13

FOCUS Simple and Complete Predicates

The **simple predicate** is the verb that acts upon the subject of the sentence. It does the work of the "do-er" of the sentence. When additional words help describe the simple predicate, this is known as a **complete predicate**. The complete predicate consists of the rest of the sentence other than the subject.

Examples: Michael *hurt* his hand. Simple Predicates

She *had become* a young lady. They *should have listened* to me.

An angry man tried to run me off the road. Complete Predicate

CONNECT TO WRITING

To find the simple predicate, first identify the subject and ask "What?" The answer to this question should be the predicate. The simple predicate usually follows the subject in a sentence. However, it can be placed before the subject in a question (Was it your mother's purse?). The subject can also be suggested, but not stated in the sentence (Look out!). Often, the suggested subject is you.

PRACTICE

<u>Underline</u> the simple subjects and [bracket] the simple predicates found in the story below.

Ice cream always has pleased young and old alike as a favorite summertime dessert. One ice cream that pleases many is Neapolitan. This treat has chocolate, strawberry, and vanilla all in one. Rocky Road delights children of all ages with small bits of marshmallows and nuts in a rich chocolate ice cream. For some, the nuts or marshmallows may cause an allergic reaction. A creamy double scoop on a sugar or waffle cone tastes great. Eating too much ice cream can be an addictive behavior.

WRITE

Compose a sentence with a simple predicate and then one with a complete predicate. Underline the subjects and bracket the simple and complete predicates.

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<u>to</u> [flag], <u>of</u> [United States], <u>of</u> [America], <u>to</u> [republic], <u>for</u> [which], <u>under</u> [God], <u>with</u> [liberty], <u>for</u> [all], <u>in</u> [schools], <u>throughout</u> [America], <u>over</u> [heart], <u>on</u> [flag], <u>to</u> [country]

Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #8 Practice Answers

and, but, yet, so, and, but, yet, but (yet), and, for

Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #9 Practice Answers

Before, because (since, as), when, Although (Even though), Since (Because), where, Despite (In spite of)

Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #10 Practice Answers

and, either, or, whether, or, Neither, nor, Both

Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #11 Practice Answers

traveler, Tasco, cathedral, Guadalajara, city, one, Mexico City, trip, an experienced traveler

Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #12 Practice Answers

running 28 miles + the marathon, Track fans + casual spectators, Basketball + ice-hockey, The "Dream Team" + the United States hockey team, These two popular events + the track-and-field contests

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<u>Ice cream</u> + [has pleased], <u>ice cream</u> + [is], <u>treat</u> + [has], <u>Rocky Road</u> + [delights], nuts + marshmallows + [may cause], double-scoop + [tastes], Eating ice cream + [can be]

Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #14 Practice Answers

works +[stand] + [are remembered], description + [entertains] + [informs], one + [will learn] + [will understand], novel +[teaches] + [preaches], hero + [struggles] + [triumphs], Debbie walked into the room, sat down in the chair, and heaved a sigh of relief.

Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #15 Practice Answers

1. imperative 2. exclamatory 3. interrogative 4. declarative