

SUBJECT / VERB IDENTIFICATION

Subject / Verb Identification

- ▣ The first step in identifying the subject and verb of the sentence is determining what type of sentence it is.
 - To understand the sentences, we must first understand the different ways a sentence can be put together:
 - ▣ Phrase: a group of words that contain a subject or verb but not both
 - ▣ Clause: a group of words that contain a subject and a verb
 - Independent clause: a group of words that contain a subject and a verb that completes a thought
 - Dependent clause: a group of words that contain a subject and verb but does not complete a thought.

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- Simple Sentence: A simple sentence contains an independent clause.

- Bob went to the store



Subject

Verb

If you have difficulty finding the subject or verb, ask yourself these questions:

1. What is the action of the sentence.
 - In this case the action is *went*
2. Who is doing the action.
 - In this case *Bob* is doing the action
3. If you choose a subject first, be sure the subject is completing an action. If it is not, than it is not your subject!
 - If you think store is the subject, ask yourself, "What is store doing?" The answer is nothing! So, it cannot be your subject!

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- Simple Sentence:

- A simple sentence can also contain a phrase and an independent clause.

- During the history exam, Joey felt extremely nauseas.



Phrase



Independent Clause

The main subject and main verb will always be found in the independent clause

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- Complex Sentence:
 - A complex sentence will contain a dependent clause and an independent clause.

□ When he took the history exam, Joey felt extremely nauseas.

Dependent Clause

Independent Clause

The main subject and main verb will always be found in the independent clause

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□ Compound Sentence

- This is when two independent clauses are joined with a conjunction. In this case, there would be two subjects and two verbs
- Joey took his history exam, and he felt nervous.



Independent
Clause

Independent Clause