Every complete sentence has two parts: Subject and Predicate.

Complete Subject: Who or what a sentence is about.

Complete Predicate: What happens (the action) to the subject.

(S) (P)
Bottle fell.
The bottle fell suddenly.
The plastic water bottle fell on the floor suddenly.
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Grammar Notes

Helping Verb: helps a main verb in a sentence achieve tense; does not express action.

- **was, is, are, am, were**
  - HV    MV
  - I was teaching grammar.
  - HV    MV
  - He is leaving school.
  - HV    MV
  - You and I are going on vacation.

Linking Verb: links subject to predicate; does NOT help a main verb; does not express an action; tells time (tense).

- **was, is, are, am, were**
  - adj
  - She is cute.
    - adj
  - Dad was sleepy.
    - art
  - Tex and I had a good time.
Step One: FIND THE VERB!

Step Two: Ask yourself, “Who or what is doing that verb?” The words in the sentence that answer that question will be the complete subject.

Grammar Practice 1

Directions: label the complete subjects and predicates.

1. The lacrosse game ended with a victory for our team. ✔

2. She walked home in the snowstorm. ✔

3. The man with the big hat, dark glasses, and baggy pants scared me. ✔

4. My English teacher dropped my favorite water bottle on the floor. ✔

= Subject

= Predicate
Grammar Practice 2

Directions: Label all parts of speech (including the prepositions in parentheses), find the antecedent for the pronoun, and use parentheses to indicate subjects and predicates.

1. Tim and Beth were going to try scuba diving (on) their summer vacation (in) the Bahamas.

= Subject
= Predicate
Grammar Practice 3

Directions: Label all parts of speech (including prepositions in parentheses), find the antecedent for the one pronoun, and use parentheses to indicate subjects and predicates.

(On) Dave's extended fishing trip (to) Canada, the nighttime driving was extremely arduous (for) him to accomplish safely (in) a squalling storm.

= Subject
= Predicate