

Identifying Complete Subjects

The **subject** is the part of the sentence that is *doing* or *being*. **Subjects** work with **verbs** to form a sentence.

Charlotte's sister **told** a hilarious joke to Daniel.
Subject Verb Object

The **subject** is not always at the beginning of a sentence, and it can be one or more words.

Until today, Mike and I always **ran** to school.
Subject Verb

Why **are** the parrots so small?
Verb Subject

The old man **flew** down the street on his skates.
Subject Verb

Identifying Subjects of Questions

When sentences are questions, the **subject** will never be the first word.

To find the **subject**, look for the part of the sentence that is *doing* or *being*.

Have you seen Jeanine today?
Subject Verb

Did they always run to school?
Subject Verb

Why is it spotted?
Verb Subject

How did the old man get here so quickly?
Subject Verb

Identifying Subjects that Aren't Nouns and Pronouns

The **subject** is the part of the sentence that is *doing* something.

Subjects are not always living things; sometimes, items and ideas can be doing something in a sentence too.

What Amanda said inspired me to take juggling lessons.
Subject Verb Object

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Where Harold has been all week is impossible to know for sure.

How my costume will look is a mystery to everyone except Gracie.

Yesterday, what you said made me very proud.

Identify the **complete subjects** in the sentences below:

The editor read the manuscript of Everett Ross's novel.
The editor read the manuscript of Everett Ross's novel.

Next to Chance the Rapper, a stranger knitted a very long scarf.

Next to Chance the Rapper, **a stranger** knitted a very long scarf.

Jay-Z's dog has been barking nonstop for half an hour.
Jay-Z's dog has been barking nonstop for half an hour.

Identify the **complete subjects** in the sentences below:

Where should you leave that cupcake for Abby Wambach?

Where should **you** leave that cupcake for Abby Wambach?

What Chris Green sang caused his fans to scream and cheer.

What Chris Green sang caused his fans to scream and cheer.

That time John Oliver snorted was hilarious.

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