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Complete and Simple Subjects and Predicates B

1c. The *simple subject* is the main word or word group that tells *whom* or *what* the sentence is about.

The simple subject is part of the *complete subject*, which consists of all the words that tell *whom* or *what* the sentence is about.

1e. The *simple predicate,* or *verb,* is the main word or word group that tells something about the subject.

The simple predicate is part of the *complete predicate*, which consists of a verb and all the words that describe the verb and complete its meaning.

EXERCISE A In each of the following sentences, underline the complete subject and circle the simple subject.

Example 1. More and more people are learning to use the Internet.

- 1. Use of the Internet is becoming increasingly common.
- **2.** The World Wide Web is an excellent research tool.
- 3. Different search engines are available to users.
- **4.** The purpose of a search engine is to help users find information.
- **5.** The person looking for information types key words into a search engine.
- 6. The search engine looks for Web sites containing the key words.
- 7. The results of the search then appear in a list.
- **8.** The user clicks on any Web site.
- 9. Very specific key words are sometimes necessary.
- **10.** A search engine can be easy to use and fast.

EXERCISE B In each of the following sentences, underline the complete predicate and circle the simple predicate.

Example 1. Finding information on the Internet may seem difficult at first.

- **11.** A wealth of information is available on the Internet.
- **12.** People can find ZIP Codes on the Internet.
- **13.** Telephone directories are available on the Internet.
- **14.** Students can find tutorials on the World Wide Web.
- **15.** Can drivers find maps to their destinations?