

Analysis of simple sentences

A sentence is a group of words which makes complete sense. It has a subject and a predicate.

When we analyze a simple sentence, we have to divide it into two main parts – the subject and the predicate.

Examples are given below.

Subject	Predicate
Dogs	bark.
Heats	expands bodies
The sun	gives heat and light.
Birds	live in nests.
The fire	burns.
The milk	has turned sour.
My mother	bought me a dress.

The subject denotes the person or thing we are talking about. The predicate is what is said about the subject.

The subject may consist of one word or several words.

The predicate may also consist of one word or several words. When the predicate consists of just one word, that word has to be a verb.

Separate the subject and the predicate in the following sentences.

The cackling of geese saved Rome.

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The sun rises in the east.

Buds bloom into flowers.

We cannot see air.

Moving air is called wind.

Parents take care of their children.

No man can serve two masters.

The shepherd heard a barking sound.

The boy stood on the burning deck.

Smoking is injurious to health.

Answers

Subject - the cackling of geese; predicate - saved Rome

Subject - the sun; predicate - rises in the east

Subject - buds; predicate - bloom into flowers

Subject - we; predicate - cannot see air

Subject - moving air; predicate - is called wind

Subject - parents; predicate - take care of their children

Subject - no man; predicate - can serve two masters

Subject - the shepherd; predicate - heard a barking sound

Subject - the boy; predicate - stood on the burning deck

Subject - smoking; predicate - is injurious to health