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Subject and Predicate



As we have already learnt, every sentence is formed by a group of words.

Read the sentences below:

1. The moon is the only satellite of the earth.
2. Honesty is the best policy.
3. A tiger is a wild animal.
4. They go for a morning walk everyday.
5. New Delhi is the capital of India.

All the above sentences can be divided into two parts. The first part consists of a noun or pronoun with or without an article while the second part consists of the verb along with some other words. The first part is the one about which the sentence is and it is called **the Subject** part while the second part is the information being said/given about the first part i.e. the noun or pronoun and is called the Predicate part. Thus we see that every sentence has two parts. They are:

- (i) Subject and (ii) Predicate

Definition : Subject : The person or thing about who or which something is said in a sentence is called the **Subject**.

Predicate : The part of a sentence that tells us something about the subject is called the **Predicate**.

Now read the following sentences:

Subject	Predicate
1. Neha	is an intelligent girl.
2. The flower	is very beautiful.
3. The old man	walks with a stick.

- ❖ It is clear from the above examples that:
- ❖ A subject may consist of one or more than one word.
- ❖ The predicate part of the sentence always starts with a verb.

Subject in an Imperative Sentence : An Imperative Sentence expresses an order or command or makes a request or plea. It is also used to give suggestion, advice etc.

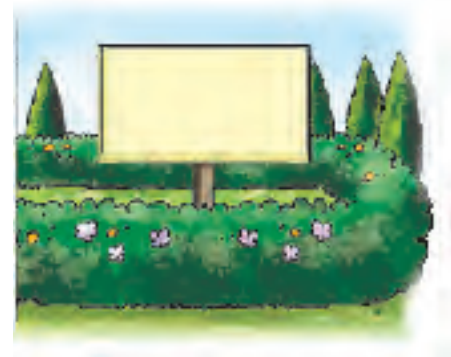
Read the following sentences:



Please be quiet.



Switch off the light.



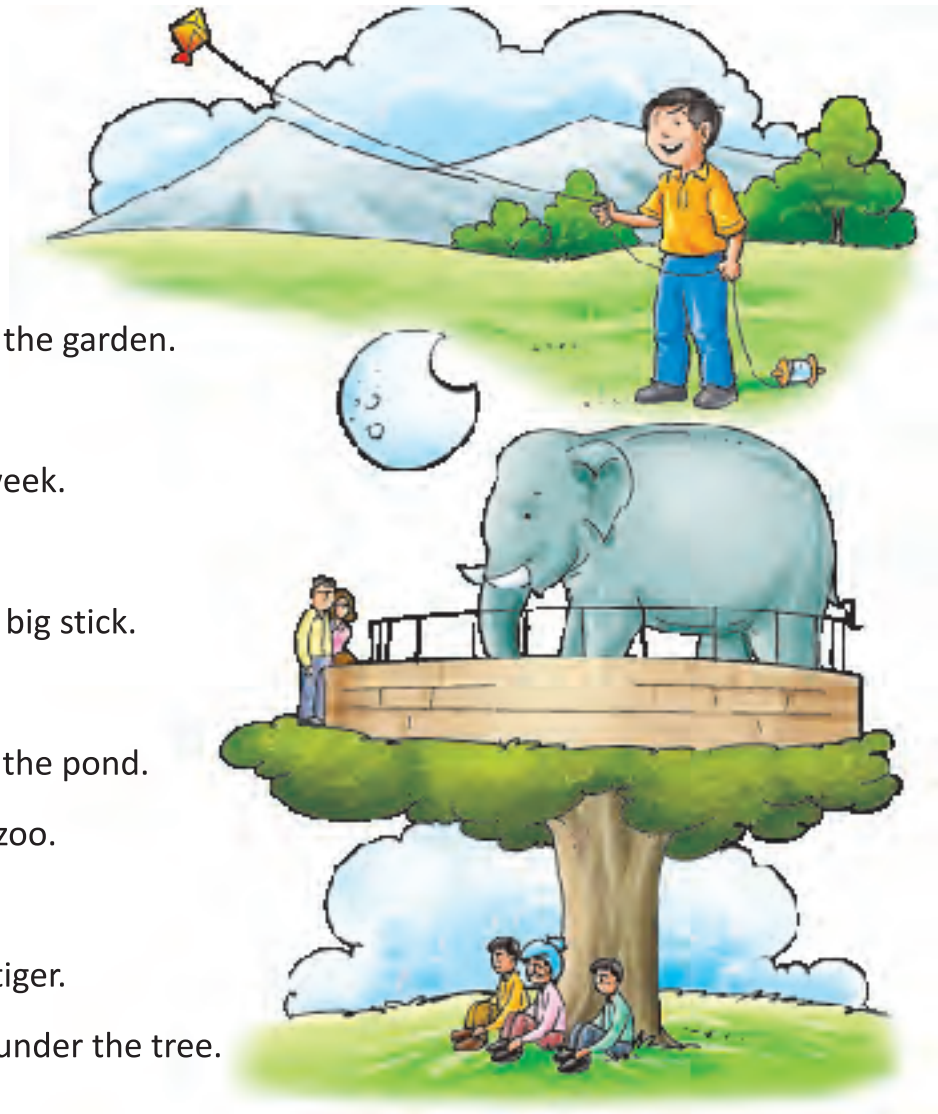
Do not pluck flowers.

The subject of an Imperative Sentence (you) is not written. It is implied or hidden.

Let's Practise

A. Mark the Subjects with a green crayon and the predicates with a red crayon in the following sentences:

1. The sun rises in the east.
2. The dog is running after the cat.
3. The little boy is flying a kite.
4. The green kite is mine.
5. Two little birds were chirping in the garden.
6. India is our motherland.
7. We are going for a picnic next week.
8. The moon shines at night.
9. The man killed the snake with a big stick.
10. Rohit is my best friend.
11. Some children are swimming in the pond.
12. We saw a large elephant in the zoo.
13. My friend never tells a lie.
14. The hunter killed the ferocious tiger.
15. The weary travellers are sitting under the tree.



B. Match the subjects in Column 'A' with the predicates in Column 'B':

Subject	Predicate
1. Tony	went to see the zoo on Sunday
2. The teacher	works in a bank
3. We	is learning music
4. Rehana	are playing a practice match
5. The gardener	cooked a new dish today
6. My father	goes to school with his friends
7. The players	mended my shoes
8. Rohit	has a toy gun
9. The cobbler	is watering the plants
10. My mother	will teach us a new lesson

C. Fill in the blanks with suitable subjects. Put a (X) cross mark if no subject is needed:

1. _____ helps her mother in her day to day works.
2. _____ don't waste your time.
3. _____ have gone to Delhi to meet his uncle.
4. _____ is the capital of India.
5. _____ sets in the west.
6. _____ is our National Animal.
7. _____ is heavy.
8. _____ was playing with her friends.

D. Fill in the blanks with suitable Predicates:

1. My friends _____ .
2. A magician _____ .
3. The clown _____ .
4. Our school _____ .
5. We _____ .
6. My friend _____ .
7. The hunter _____ .
8. The boat _____ .