

Introduction to Composition





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UNIT 1 • ACTIVITY 1 Sentence Vocabulary

Match each word on the left with its meaning on the right. Write the letter of the definition on the line.

1.	sentence	a.	a group of words that fo	orms a complete thought		
2.	simple subject	b.	an incomplete sentence			
3.	complete predicate	c.	the main word in the su	ıbject		
	fragment	d.	part of the sentence that tells what the subject does or is			
5.	complete subject	e.	the part of the sentence	that tells who or what		
	simple predicate	f.	the verb or verbs of the	sentence		
7.	. Underline the words from the list below that could be the simple subject of a sentence.					
	he	they	football	television		
	popcorn	skipped	Julio	sing		
	Anna	sew	we	spaghetti		
	oil	you	scamper	with		
8.	Write the correct words on the lines to finish the following statement. The simple subject of a sentence is usually a(n) or a(n)					
9.	What part of speech must the simple predicate always be?					
10.	Underline the words from the list below that could be the simple predicate of a sentence.					
	will eat	are	skipped	eagle		
	car	ran	is singing	purple		
	wrote	window	listened	understood		
	if	have read	suggest	blurred		

UNIT 1 • ACTIVITY 2 Subject + Predicate = Sentence

Write twelve sentences using the underlined simple subjects and simple predicates from Activity 1. Use one simple subject and one simple predicate to write a complete sentence. You may need to add more words to complete the sentence.

Example: Julio—simple subject; will eat—simple predicate Julio will eat at the party.

Write twelve sentences using the underlined simple subjects and simple predicates from Activity 1.

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