

Every sentence has two essential parts: **Subject** and **Predicate**

The *subject* of a sentence is the part about which something is being said. Example: **The flower** bloomed.

 Nitobe painted.

 The girls on the team were all good students.

The *predicate* of a sentence is the part which says something about the subject.

Example: Sato told everyone about the wreck. Kimi sobbed. Takagi plays the piano well.

The *simple subject* is the main word in the complete subject. The four new students arrived early. *Simple subject* **students**

The complete subject is the main word and all its modifiers. Complete subject **The four new students**

The *simple predicate*, or *verb*, is the main word or group of words in the complete predicate. Mara's sister took us bowling yesterday. *Simple predicate* **took**

The complete predicate is the verb and all its modifiers. Complete Predicate **took us bowling yesterday**

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