

GRAMMAR and SENTENCES

Subjects and Simple Predicates (simple predicates are verb or verb phrases)

Every sentence has a subject and a predicate

The simple subject and the simple predicate can stand alone to make a complete sentence.

Sub SP

The sun was shining on the water.

The sun was shining.

Sub SP

I saw my friend at the movies.

I saw.

Sub SP

I waved and smiled at him.

I waved and smiled.

Sub SP

Sasha ate crab legs and shrimp at her grandma's house yesterday.

Sasha ate.

Sub SP

Sampson stubbornly thought the food was yucky.

Sampson thought.

Sub SP

The teacher and the principal were talking in the office.

The teacher and the principal were talking.

Sub SP

The bell and the fire alarm had rung together at the same time.

The bell and the fire alarm had rung.

Sub SP

The alligator eyed its prey and glided across the lake.

The alligator eyed and glided.

The above are simple sentences.

These are ways to make the above sentences into more complex type sentences that are richer and more interesting.

The alligator glided across the lake as the sun was shining on the water.

I saw my friend at the movies, and I waved excitedly at him.

Sasha ate crab legs and shrimp at her grandma's house yesterday as I sat there with a long face, feeling completely disgusted at the thought of eating seafood.

The fidgeting teacher and the squinty eyed-principal were talking in the office as the bell rang.