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Complete Subjects and Predicates

The complete subject of a sentence tells what the sentence is about. It may be one word or many words.

The boy from Michigan is the world geography champion.

He knew the answer to every question they asked him.

The complete predicate tells what the subject is or does. It may be one word or many words.

He knew the answer to every question they asked him.

The young student won.



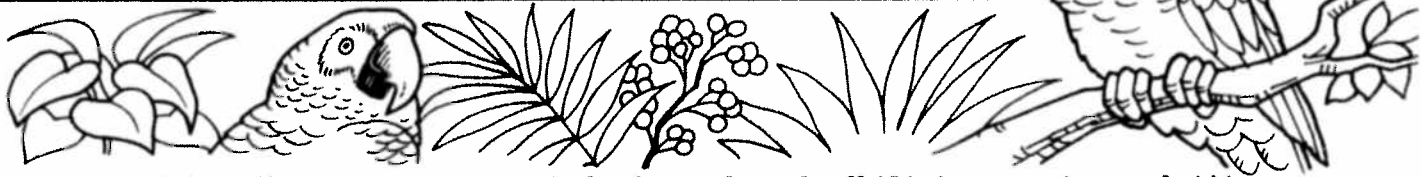
- In the sentences below, draw a line that separates the subject from the predicate. Label the Subject (S) and the Predicate (P).

1. The people in many parts of the world are unable to feed themselves in times of disaster. (S) (CLV) (P)
2. International relief agencies and many governments try to send aid to those people.
3. The most famous international relief agency is the Red Cross.
4. The Red Cross was founded in 1864 to aid victims of war.
5. Red Cross workers fight misery in times of both war and peace.
6. Over 135 nations have Red Cross societies.
7. Each Red Cross society runs its own program.
8. The American Red Cross has more than 10 million volunteers.
9. Voluntary contributions fund the programs and services of the American Red Cross.
10. All aid to disaster victims is free.

- Write a short paragraph about an organization whose purpose you admire. In each sentence underline the complete subject once and the complete predicate twice.

More Verbs

A verb is a word that expresses action or a state of being.



• In each of the following sentences, circle the verb and tell if it is an action verb (A) or a linking (L)

- _____ 1. Macaws are the largest of all parrots.
- _____ 2. Their very long tails are unique in the parrot family.
- _____ 3. Their wings are long and pointed.
- _____ 4. Macaws eat fruit, nuts, and seeds.
- _____ 5. The macaw screams loudly.
- _____ 6. The macaw's coloring is spectacular.
- _____ 7. The Scarlet macaw is the best known species.
- _____ 8. Eighteen species of these parrots live in South America.
- _____ 9. These birds are often poached.
- _____ 10. People easily tame macaws.
- _____ 11. Macaws' big beaks are extremely powerful.
- _____ 12. These birds fly swiftly over the rain forest.
- _____ 13. These large parrots nest in the holes of trees.
- _____ 14. They are not common household pets.
- _____ 15. Macaws live in forested areas.

• Write a short paragraph about a pet you would like to have. Include action and state of being verbs and circle them.
