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Subjects of Sentences

Every sentence has two essential parts: a *subject* and a *predicate*.

****The subject of a sentence is the part about which something is being said.****

In these sentences, the subjects are in boldface.

EXAMPLES **The girls on the team** were very good students.

Barack Obama is the president of the United States.

In any sentence, you can find the subject by asking yourself who or what is doing something, or about whom or what something is being said. The subject does not always come at the beginning of a sentence - it may be in the middle or at the end.

EXAMPLES Did **the pitcher** strike her out?

After practicing, **Shane** scored two goals.

Hiding in the tall grass was **a baby rabbit**.

Exercise 1: Identifying Subjects

Write down the subject for each of the following sentences.

EXAMPLE The pearl has been a popular jewel for centuries.

The pearl

1. Since earliest times, this gem has been treasured.
2. The oldest surviving pearl necklace dates from 350 B.C.
3. Romans wore pearls even at bedtime.
4. Their dreams would then be filled with bright gems.
5. The emperor Caligula decorated his slippers with pearls.
4. He even draped a pearl necklace around his horse's neck.
7. The great Constantine helmet was covered with pearls.
8. The freshwater pearls of Scotland may have been one reason for the Roman invasion of Britain in 55 B.C.

9. Did you know that pearls were once used in medicines?

10. The beauty of the pearl has always attracted artists.

Exercise 2: Writing Appropriate Subjects

Make sentences out of the following groups of words by adding subjects in the parentheses.

1. () is a difficult game to play.

2. () works at Starbucks.

3. Luckily for me () was easy to read.

4. At the end of the parade came ().

5. Did () help you?