

Grammar

Subjects and Predicates The two main parts of a sentence are the subject and the predicate. The **subject** tells whom or what the sentence is about. The **predicate** tells what the subject does or is.

Academic Language

complete subject
complete predicate

Subject	Predicate
Jessica	went to school.
The sun	was shining.
Her class	went outside for recess.
The children	played on the swings.
They	had fun.

All the words in the subject are called the **complete subject**. All the words in the predicate are called the **complete predicate**.

Turn and Talk

Work with a partner. Find the subject and the predicate in each sentence. Be ready to explain your thinking.

- 1 Tom | loves science class.
- 2 His class | planted seeds.
- 3 They | watered them.
- 4 The seeds | grew tall.
- 5 The plants | have flowers now.

Sentence Fluency Combining sentences can make your writing clearer. When two sentences have the same predicate, you can put the sentences together. Join the subjects and put the word *and* between them to form a compound subject.

Short, Choppy Sentences



Millie went to school.



Mr. Downing went to school.

Longer, Smoother Sentence



Millie and Mr. Downing went to school.

Connect Grammar to Writing

As you revise your paragraph that describes, look for short sentences that have the same predicate. Try to combine the sentences, using a compound subject.