

Grammar

Subjects and Predicates The **subject** of a sentence is the naming part. It tells who or what did or does something.

Pam walks her dog.

The boy chooses a pet.

The **predicate** of a sentence is the action part. It tells what the subject did or does.

The dogs pull on a rope.

Ben plays with his dog.

Try This!

Write each sentence. Then circle the subject.

- 1 Mel grew tall.
- 2 My father hugs the dog.

Write each sentence. Draw a line under the predicate.

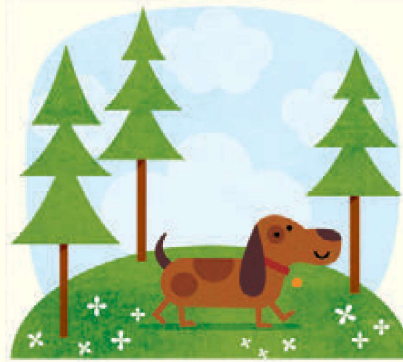
- 1 The boys play ball.
- 2 Susan fed her dog.

When two short sentences have the same predicate, you can put the sentences together. Join them to make one longer sentence. Write *and* between the two subjects. This will make your writing smoother.

Short Sentences

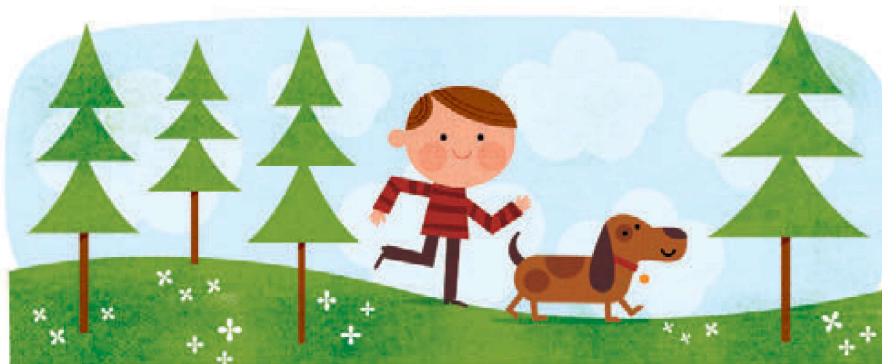


Jim liked the park.



Spot liked the park.

New Sentence with Joined Subjects




Jim and Spot liked the park.

Connect Grammar to Writing

When you revise your sentences, try joining sentences that have the same predicate.

Narrative Writing







 **Elaboration** Use details when you write a **true story** about something that happened. Details help your reader picture what you are telling about.

Megan drafted some sentences for a true story. See how she revised her writing to add details.

Revised Draft

My friend Lucy gave me a ^{beautiful}
bracelet. She made it. She [^]
^{with many colorful beads}
[^] calls it a friendship bracelet.
When I wear it I think of my
best friend Lucy.
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I love my bracelet!

Writing Checklist

-  **Organization**
Did I tell about events in an order that makes sense?
-  **Development**
Does my writing sound like the way I would tell the story?
-  **Elaboration**
Did I use details to tell the reader more?
-  **Conventions**
Did I use complete sentences?

Final Copy

A Gift

by Megan Stiles

My friend Lucy gave me a beautiful bracelet. She made it with many colorful beads. She calls it a friendship bracelet. When I wear it I think of my best friend Lucy. I love my bracelet!

Reading as a Writer

How do the words that Megan added help you picture what she is telling about? Where can you add details to your true story?

I added details to my final paper to make it more interesting.

