

Mr. Taylor's Language Arts Class

Notes on Parts of a Sentence



Every complete **sentence** contains two parts: a **subject** and a **predicate**. The subject is what [or whom] the sentence is about, while the predicate tells something about the subject.

In the following sentences, the predicate is enclosed in brackets [], while the subject is **in bold**.

Judy [runs].

Judy and her dog [run on the beach every morning].

To determine the subject of a sentence, it may help if you first isolate the verb and then make a question by placing "who?" or "what?" before it -- the answer is the subject.

Example: The audience littered the theatre floor with torn wrappings and spilled popcorn.

The verb in the above sentence is "littered." Who or what littered? The audience did. **"The audience" is the subject of the sentence.** The predicate [which always includes the verb] goes on to relate something about the subject: what about the audience? It "littered the theatre floor with torn wrappings and spilled popcorn."