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Subject, Predicate, and Object

Underline the predicate, highlight the subject, and put brackets around the object(s) in each simple sentence.

1. Everyone in the crowd was exhausted by the end of the concert.
2. These students will graduate in the spring.
3. He found a job as a security guard.
4. My friend is travelling in Italy.
5. The plumber is installing new taps in the bathroom.
6. He presented his ideas to an enthusiastic audience.
7. The driver stopped the car, abruptly.
8. We refused the invitation.
9. My uncle gave me his camera.
10. John sent Margaret two beautiful orchids.
11. The bird flew over the building.
12. My company has offered me a very attractive position.
13. The magician taught them some tricks.

Answer Key

1. **Everyone** in the crowd was exhausted by the (end of the concert).
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Compound and Complex Sentences

Identify whether each sentence is compound, complex, or simple.

	Simple	Compound	Complex
Computers have become relatively inexpensive in the last 20 years; as a result, many people own one.			
The restaurant is always too crowded on Fridays.			
The restaurant is always too crowded on Fridays, which is why we go on Sundays.			
Despite the rain, we went on a four-kilometer walk.			
I rarely wear gloves because I find mittens are warmer.			
The doctor suggested that she wear mittens; however, she preferred gloves.			
She forgot to set her alarm; thus, she arrived late.			
They arrived early for class.			
Do not arrive late for class.			
The restaurant is always too crowded on Fridays; as a result, we go on Sundays.			

Answer Key

Identify whether each sentence is compound, complex, or simple.

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She forgot to set her alarm; thus, she arrived late.		X	
They arrived early for class.	X		
Do not arrive late for class.	X		
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Subjective and Objective Pronouns

Identify which pronouns are subjective and which are objective. *

Pronoun	Subjective	Objective
they		
whom		
who		
she		
it		
them		
him		
you		
her		
I		
me		

Choose the correct form of the pronoun and indicate whether the pronoun is used as a subject or object.

He sold **us/we** the best car in the lot. Subject Object

To **who/whom** should I address this letter? Subject Object

She lifted weights with James and **he/him**. Subject Object

He bought the tickets for Susie and **I/me** Subject Object

Matthew and **she/her** presented in class today Subject Object

They presented the ideas to my professor and **I/me**. Subject Object

Answer Key

Identify which pronouns are subjective and which are objective. *

Pronoun	Subjective	Objective
they	X	
whom		X
who	X	
she	X	
it	X	X
them		X
him		X
you	X	X
her		X
I	X	
me		X

Choose the correct form of the pronoun and indicate whether the pronoun is used as a subject or object.

He sold us/we the best car in the lot.	Subject	Object
To who/whom should I address this letter?	Subject	Object
Cheryl and he /him lifted weights with James.	Subject	Object
He bought the tickets for Susie and I/me	Subject	Object
Matthew and she/her presented in class today	Subject	Object
They presented the ideas to my professor and I/me .	Subject	Object

Commonly Confused Words

Before completing, check out our [Guide to Commonly Confused Words](#)

Circle the correct version.

1. The weather really affects/effects my mood.
2. My math professor complimented/complemented me on my critical thinking skills this morning.
3. Place each factor in its/it's relevant category.
4. The participants in our study were all older than/then 21.
5. They are working on they're/their/their group project.
6. The whether/weather is appropriate for long walks.
7. The owner of the property lead/led us to the site during our visit yesterday.
8. Please hand two/too/to of your papers two/too/to the invigilators.
9. We were/where able to replicate these results.
10. Do not loose/lose the thread of this narrative, or it will become incomprehensible.

Answer Key

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Correct or Incorrect?

Some of these sentences are correct. Some are run-ons and some are fragments. If one sentence is correct and the other is incorrect, put a star beside the incorrect statement and indicate the nature of the error.

	✓	RU	F
In the United Kingdom, six weeks of yearly vacation is standard, this is not the case in Canada.			
They have recently made changes to the registration procedure, which has improved it immensely.			
Because it makes no sense, the phrase “6,7” is banned in this community.			
It is possible to use the outdoor track year-round. Unless it is raining.			
The dog barked loudly all night the neighbours complained but nobody listened.			
She loves to read, she stays up all night.			
Because I forgot my keys, I was late for work.			
after the rain.			
Because he was tired.			
Running through the park at sunset makes me feel so alive.			

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The dog barked loudly all night the neighbours complained but nobody listened.		X	
She loves to read, she stays up all night.		X	
Because I forgot my keys, I was late for work.	X		
After the rain.			X
Because he was tired.			X
Running through the park at sunset makes me feel so alive.	X		

Misplaced, Squinting, and Dangling Modifiers

Before completing, check out our [Guide to Misplaced, Squinting, and Dangling Modifiers](#)

Correct the following sentences:

1. Running down the street, the backpack bounced behind Jake.
2. She served sandwiches to the children on paper plates.
3. Covered in mud, the coach scolded the players.
4. He said after the game he would call his friend.
5. We found a dog in the park with three legs.
6. Hanging from the tree, we saw a tire swing.
7. The teacher said yesterday the quiz would be easy.
8. She only lent her sister five dollars.
9. Driving to school, the rain soaked my clothes.
10. Walking through the park at sunset, the trees seemed to whisper secrets.

Answer key

1. **What is wrong?** Dangling modifier. “Running down the street” is closest to the noun “backpack” so is assumed to apply to it, rather than to Jake.
Corrected version: As he ran down the street, Jake’s backpack bounced behind him.
2. **What is wrong?** Misplaced prepositional phrase/modifier. The children are not on paper plates. The sandwiches are.
Corrected version: She served sandwiches on paper plates to the children.
3. **What is wrong?** Misplaced modifier. The coach is not covered in mud, presumably. The players are, but the phrase “covered in mud” is closest to the noun “coach” and is assumed to apply to it.
Corrected version: The coach scolded the players who were covered in mud.
4. **What is wrong?** Squinting modifier. It is unclear whether he will call his friend after the game or if he said it after the game.
Corrected version: He said, “After the game, I will call my friend.”
5. **What is wrong?** Misplaced modifier. The dog has three legs, not the park.
Corrected version: We found a dog with three legs in the park.
6. **What is wrong?** Misplaced modifier. The tire swing is hanging from the tree...we are not.
Corrected version: We saw a tire swing hanging from the tree.
7. **What is wrong?** Squinting modifier. It is unclear whether the test was easy yesterday or if the teacher said it would be easy yesterday.
Corrected version: Yesterday, the teacher said that tomorrow’s test would be easy.
8. **What is wrong?** Squinting modifier. Did she only lend her sister five dollars, or did she lend only five dollars? Did she do something else as well or is this a commentary on the amount of money?
Corrected version: She loaned her sister only five dollars.
9. **What is wrong?** Rain cannot drive.
Corrected version: When I was driving to school, the rain soaked my clothes.
10. **What is wrong?** Trees cannot walk. They also cannot whisper, but we’ll allow for poetic license here.
Corrected version: As we walked through the park at sunset, the trees seemed to whisper their secrets.