


Making a Sentence

Subject and Predicate

A **subject** can be a noun or pronoun that is partnered with a verb. The verb expresses the action.

Example 1:

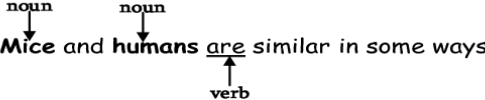
The **Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences** awarded 10 million Swedish kronor to him for winning the Nobel Prize in medicine.



The Royal Swedish Academy is **DOING** the action of awarding. Therefore the Royal Swedish Academy is the subject of the sentence.

Example 2:

Mice and **humans** are similar in some ways.



The verb in this sentence - are - does not express action. Instead it expresses **being** or **existence**, telling us that something is alive.

Hence, a **predicate** is a verb that expresses the subject's actions or state of being.

A subject and a predicate may not always appear in the normal order, as the following examples show:

Example 1:

The physicist's **discovery**, in 1999, **paved** the way for gigabyte hard disk storage.

