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## Unit 2: Parts of the Sentence

### Simple Subjects and Simple Predicates

Every sentence has a subject and a predicate. A **simple subject** is the main noun or pronoun that tells what the sentence is about. A **simple predicate** is the verb or the verb phrase that tells something about the subject.

Example: Clocks tick. (Clocks is the simple subject; tick is the simple predicate)

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Exercise: Draw one line under each simple subject and two lines under each simple predicate.

Andrea read from the book Of Mice and Men.

1. Bells were ringing in joyous celebration of the king's coronation.
2. According to poet John Keats, whales are "sea-shouldering" mammals.
3. Flowers were growing in every nook and cranny of the tiny backyard.
4. Paintings were displayed throughout the elaborate entryway.
5. The race at Cape White is on Saturday.
6. Those books are expensive.
7. I write poetry on rainy afternoons.
8. Julia has a rare coin from the seventeenth century.
9. We visited the museum of natural history in Cincinnati, Ohio.
10. The boxes of old clothes and toys are in the corner of the attic.
11. Our dog barks every morning at the mail carrier.
12. The exam was difficult.
13. I asked for a car for my birthday.
14. We stayed at the aquarium all day.
15. The sirens woke us in the dead of night.
16. The performance was impressive.
17. Time passes quickly.
18. Jake studies German.