

Simple Subjects and Predicates

All sentences must have a subject and a predicate (verb) to express a complete thought. See the example sentences below. (Also refer to "Basic Parts of a Sentence" on page 48 in the handbook for more information.)

Examples

In the example sentences, the simple subject is underlined once, and the simple predicate (verb) is underlined twice.

The heart pumps blood to all parts of the body.

Our bodies get oxygen through the blood.

Practice

In the following sentences, underline the simple subject with one line and the simple predicate with two lines. The first sentence has been done for you.

1. The heart of an average person is the size of his or her fist.
2. Veins bring blood to the heart.
3. Arteries carry blood from the heart.
4. Valves in the heart control the flow of blood.
5. Your heart beats about 70 times a minute.
6. The walls of the heart are a special kind of muscle.
7. A heartbeat is one complete contraction and relaxation of the heart.
8. Heart diseases cause about half the deaths in the United States.
9. The chance of heart disease increases for overweight people.
10. Fatty foods put stress and strain on the heart.
11. A blockage of the coronary artery produces a heart attack.
12. Cardiologists are heart specialists.

