

IT'S EITHER SIMPLE OR COMPLETE
LEARNING ABOUT SUBJECTS

What's a sentence without a subject? It's not a sentence! Every sentence must have a subject. The subject tells who or what the sentence is about. Subjects can be either **simple** or **complete**.

A **simple subject** is the main noun or pronoun that names the subject in a sentence. It is the most important word in the **complete subject**.

The complete subject is the simple subject and all the words that go with it. All the adjectives or articles that modify or describe the simple subject become part of the **complete subject**.

Read the sentences below. Underline the complete subject in each sentence. Then write the simple subject on the line below the sentence. The first example has been done for you.

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3. Smokey Bear, named for former fire chief "Smokey Joe" Martin is recognized by more than 98% of Americans.

4. Smokey, the guardian of forests, arrived in 1944.

5. The U.S. Forest Service asked the advertising council to design a symbol to prevent forest fires.

Name _____

Date _____

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7. The living symbol of Smokey the bear was born.

8. Smokey's commanding voice was created by a man talking into a metal wastebasket.

9. Smokey says, "Only you can prevent forest fires."

10. Careless campers cause many forest fires a year.

11. National forests are a great place to visit.

12. Yellowstone National Park is a land of scenic beauty.

13. You can help prevent forest fires in our national parks.

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