

What Is a Sentence?

A sentence is a group of words that expresses a complete thought.

The structure of a simple sentence looks like this.
 The *subject* always has a **noun** in it. The *predicate* always has a **verb** in it.

SUBJECT It names something	PREDICATE describes something about it
The banana	called me.
The big yellow banana	called me over to play.
The big yellow banana in the playground	called me over to play baseball today.



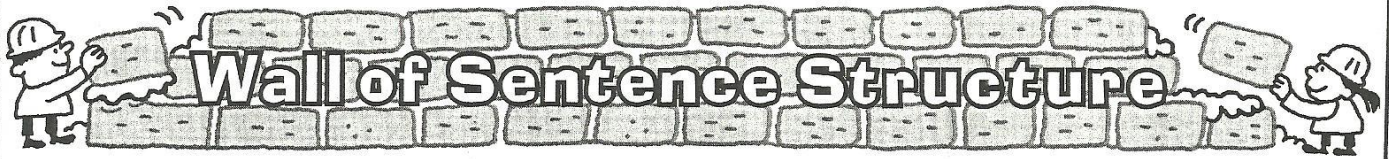
Break up each of sentence by dividing it between the subject and predicate.

Example: Ricky's dog can fly. Ricky's dog / can fly.

1. My friends and I will sing funny songs.
2. The purple paint might peel.
3. Cyrus is going to run across America.
4. Uncle Bill can juggle while blindfolded.
5. Jack and Jill went up the hill.
6. We fished in frigid arctic waters.
7. Fred, Cindy, Arthur, Sally, Sharma, Nicky, and Dugan danced.
8. My computer froze.
9. The cartoon in yesterday's paper wasn't that funny.
10. I forgot to tell you about the box.
11. The books on the shelf need to be sorted by size.
12. Tony and his fellow skateboarders are trying out some new moves at the skate park.



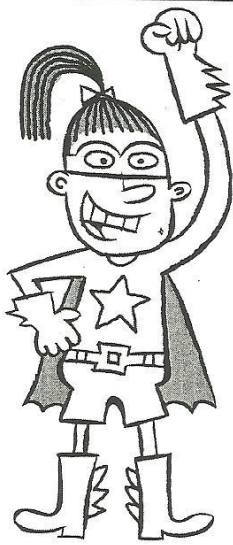
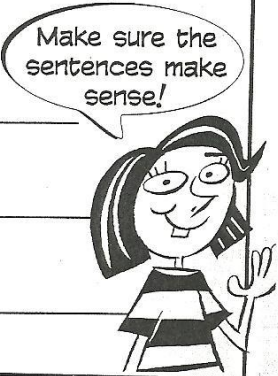
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Check out the Wall of Sentence Structure. Decide which blocks are subjects and which are predicates. Combine the blocks to build sentences and write them below.

enjoy funny movies	finally finished the project	is still wet	this newly painted fence	snores like a monster	our group		
make silly noises in the shower	is groovy	that	dad	I	pink toads and yellow horses	my parents	were in my dreams

- ① _____
- ② _____
- ③ _____
- ④ _____
- ⑤ _____
- ⑥ _____
- ⑦ _____



Super Kid Challenge!

Find the subject in each of these sentences and circle it.
Hint: The subject is not at the beginning of the sentence.

- ① Are you going to the pie-eating contest?
- ② What is Bill doing on the roof?
- ③ When did it turn into a frog?
- ④ Will the mushroom attack Uncle Fern?
- ⑤ How much wood would a woodchuck chuck?