

## GRAMMAR and SENTENCES

### Subjects and Simple Predicates (simple predicates are verb or verb phrases)

#### Every sentence has a subject and a predicate

The simple subject and the simple predicate can stand alone to make a complete sentence.

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The sun **was shining** on the water.

The sun was shining.

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I **saw** my friend at the movies.

I saw.

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I **waved and smiled** at him.

I waved and smiled.

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Sasha **ate** crab legs and shrimp at her grandma's house yesterday.

Sasha ate.

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Sampson stubbornly **thought** the food was yucky.

Sampson thought.

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The teacher and the principal **were talking** in the office.

The teacher and the principal were talking.

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The bell and the fire alarm **had rung** together at the same time.

The bell and the fire alarm had rung.

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The alligator **eyed** its prey and **glided** across the lake.

The alligator eyed and glided.

**The above are simple sentences.**

**These are ways to make the above sentences into more complex type sentences that are richer and more interesting.**

The alligator glided across the lake as the sun was shining on the water.

I saw my friend at the movies, and I waved excitedly at him.

Sasha ate crab legs and shrimp at her grandma's house yesterday as I sat there with a long face, feeling completely disgusted at the thought of eating seafood.

The fidgeting teacher and the squinty eyed-principal were talking in the office as the bell rang.