

Grammar Basics: Sentence Predicate

Grammar Basics — Grades 1–3 • 4 pages • Print Letter or A4, grayscale friendly

Sentence Predicate — Learn and practice with examples you can picture.

Learn

The predicate tells what the subject does or is. It includes the verb and often more words. The predicate is a sentence job, not a part of speech. Every complete sentence has a subject and a predicate.

Examples

- Milo chased the ball across the yard.
- The clouds are gray and heavy.
- We are ready to help.

Tip for grown-ups: Read the examples together, point to each word, and act one out. Keep it playful — 5 to 8 minutes is enough for Grade 1.

How to use this sheet

Page 1 explains the idea. Page 2 is finding and marking practice. Page 3 is writing practice plus an optional Challenge for Grades 2–3. Page 4 is the Answer Key.

Low-ink worksheet — lines and boxes print clearly in grayscale.

Page 2 — Practice: Find and Mark

Underline the complete predicate in each sentence.

Word bank — look for these ideas while you work

Read each sentence slowly. Mark only what the directions ask.

1. ☐ The kittens slept on the warm rug.
2. ☐ Our team won the first game.
3. ☐ Sunlight filled the kitchen.
4. ☐ I am excited for the trip.
5. ☐ The store closes at six o'clock.
6. ☐ They danced under the lights.

Boxes are checkboxes. Circle or underline as the directions say. Use a pencil so you can try again.

Grown-up check: Ask, "How do you know that word fits the job?" Praise noticing, not speed.

Page 3 — Practice: Write and Build

Add a predicate to finish each sentence. Remember the predicate must have a verb.

1. ☐ My little brother ____ .
2. ☐ The new bridge ____ .
3. ☐ We ____ .
4. ☐ The music ____ .
5. ☐ My parents ____ .
6. ☐ The wind ____ .

Challenge for Grades 2–3 (Optional)

Grade 1 can skip or try with help — this part is extra.

Grade 2–3 Challenge: Write two sentences. Underline the predicate. Circle the main verb inside the predicate.

1. Sentence 1: _____
2. Sentence 2: _____

Writing lines are real space — write in pencil, one clear word on each line.

Answer Key

Check your work on pages 2 and 3. For open writing, any sensible answer that follows the directions is correct. Samples show one good way.

1. Identification: slept on the warm rug; won the first game; filled the kitchen; am excited for the trip; closes at six o'clock; danced under the lights
 2. Application: any predicate with a verb — e.g., giggled loudly, spans the river, are going home
 3. Challenge: predicates underlined, verbs circled
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How answers match the pages

Identification (page 2): every closed item has its answer above. Application (page 3): sample words or sentences show level. Challenge (page 3, optional): check that the Challenge directions were followed and writing is clear — not an exact match.

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