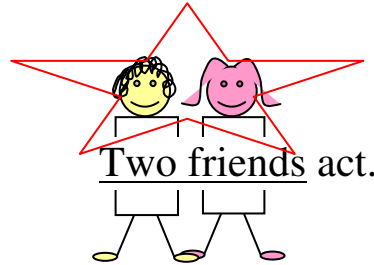


Grammar Rules: Subject-Predicate-Complement

Subject Stars

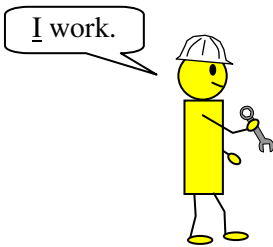
The word/phrase/clause that performs an action or exists.
Imagine a movie star who performs or appears in a movie.



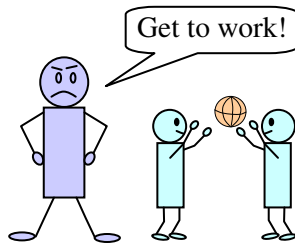
Simple Subject: Main word that performs or exists. Two friends act together.

Complete Subject: Simple subject + modifiers. Two friends act together.

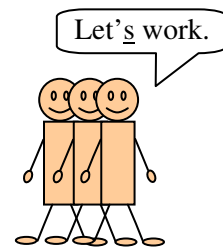
Compound Subject: Two or more subjects joined by conjunctions. Joan and Jane act together.



Explicit Subject
The subject is stated.



Understood Subject
The subject is omitted.
(You) Get to work!

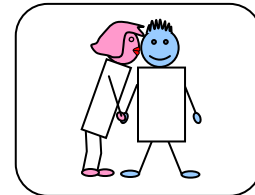


Objective Case Subject
The subject is normally used as an object. Normally, the "us" in "Let us" is an objective case pronoun.

Predicate Presents!

The word/phrase that presents the action or existence of the subject.
Think of a movie preview that presents the star's performance or presence on the screen.

She  kissed him softly.



Simple Predicate: Verb or verb phrase. She kissed him softly.

Complete Predicate: Verb + modifiers + complement. She kissed him softly.

Compound Predicate: Two or more predicates joined by conjunctions. She kissed and hugged him.

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Complement Completes

Technically, the Complement is part of the Predicate.

The word/phrase/clause that completes the sense of the Predicate.

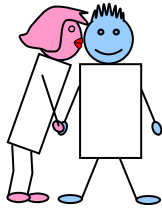
Imagine the recipient of the star's action or something that identifies or describes the star.

Object: Word/phrase/clause that receives the verb's action.

Predicate Nominative: Noun or pronoun that identifies the subject.

Predicate Adjective: Adjective that describes the subject.

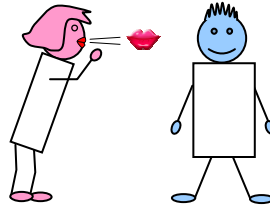
Object Complement: Noun or adjective that identifies or describe objects instead of subjects.



She kissed **him**.

Direct Object

Directly affected by the verb's action.



She blew *him* a **kiss**.

Direct Object

Indirect Object

Indirectly affected by the verb's action.
Answers *to whom?* -or- *for whom?*

She was his *girl*.

Predicate Nominative

She felt *happy*.

Predicate Adjective

She made **John** her *boyfriend* which made **him** *glad*.

Object

Object

Object Complements

