

*Fill in the blanks.*

1. The subject of the sentence is \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the main noun or pronoun in the subject.
3. The main noun (pronoun) and the words that describe and identify it are called the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Subjects can be placed at the \_\_\_\_\_, in the \_\_\_\_\_, or at the \_\_\_\_\_ of the predicate.
5. The subject of an imperative sentence (command) is \_\_\_\_\_.

*Write the complete subject of each sentence on the line and circle the simple subject. If the subject is UNDERSTOOD [YOU], write "[YOU]" on the line.*

- 6) Several police officers on horseback kept the large crowd under control at the demonstration.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 7) On the ground outside the classroom door was her half-open backpack covered in dust.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 8) A small Amazonian fish, the piranha, has sharp teeth, powerful jaws, and an appetite for meat.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 9) Based on the formula for automobile paint, the first modern nail polish was sold in 1917 by Cutex.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 10) Ancient Egyptians who wanted companionship in the afterlife sometimes mummified a favorite pet.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 11) Although oxygen is the most important gas in Earth's atmosphere, nitrogen is the most abundant gas.  
\_\_\_\_\_

*Write a subject to fill in each predicate.*

12. Without warning, \_\_\_\_\_ leaped out of the water and landed on the deck of the boat.
13. \_\_\_\_\_ crackled and hissed as the cook tossed them into the hot pan.
14. Under the sofa lies \_\_\_\_\_.

Fill in the blanks. **ANSWERS**

1. The subject of the sentence is \_\_\_\_\_ *who or what the sentence is about* \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ *simple subject* \_\_\_\_\_ is the main noun or pronoun in the subject.
3. The main noun (pronoun) and the words that describe and identify it are called the \_\_\_\_\_ *complete subject* \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Subjects can be placed at the \_\_\_\_\_ *beginning* \_\_\_\_\_, in the \_\_\_\_\_ *middle* \_\_\_\_\_, or at the \_\_\_\_\_ *end* \_\_\_\_\_ of the predicate.
5. The subject of an imperative sentence (command) is \_\_\_\_\_ *UNDERSTOOD [YOU]* \_\_\_\_\_.

Write the complete subject of each sentence on the line and circle the simple subject. If the subject is UNDERSTOOD [YOU], write "[YOU]" on the line. **ANSWERS**

- 6) Several police officers on horseback kept the large crowd under control at the demonstration.  
\_\_\_\_\_ *several police officers on horseback* \_\_\_\_\_
- 7) On the ground outside the classroom door was her half-open backpack covered in dust.  
\_\_\_\_\_ *her half-opened backpack covered in dust* \_\_\_\_\_
- 8) A small Amazonian fish, the piranha, has sharp teeth, powerful jaws, and an appetite for meat.  
\_\_\_\_\_ *a small Amazonian fish, the piranha* \_\_\_\_\_
- 9) Based on the formula for automobile paint, the first modern nail polish was sold in 1917 by Cutex.  
\_\_\_\_\_ *based on the formula for automobile paint, the first modern nail polish* \_\_\_\_\_
- 10) Ancient Egyptians who wanted companionship in the afterlife sometimes mummified a favorite pet.  
\_\_\_\_\_ *ancient Egyptians who wanted companionship in the afterlife* \_\_\_\_\_
- 11) Although oxygen is the most important gas in Earth's atmosphere, nitrogen is the most abundant gas.  
\_\_\_\_\_ *nitrogen* \_\_\_\_\_

Write a subject to fill in each predicate. **ANSWERS WILL VARY**

12. Without warning, \_\_\_\_\_ *a gleaming white Beluga whale* \_\_\_\_\_ leaped out of the water and landed on the deck of the boat.
13. \_\_\_\_\_ *Six strips of bacon with a lot of fat* \_\_\_\_\_ crackled and hissed as the cook tossed them into the hot pan.
14. Under the sofa lies \_\_\_\_\_ *the candy bar that I dropped last Halloween* \_\_\_\_\_.

Fill in the blanks. **SCAFFOLDING SUGGESTIONS—Provide a word bank.**

UNDERSTOOD [YOU]	simple subject	beginning
middle	complete subject	end
who or what the sentence is about		

Write the complete subject of each sentence on the line and circle the simple subject. If the subject is UNDERSTOOD [YOU], write "[YOU]" on the line. **SCAFFOLDING SUGGESTIONS—Give a hint.**

6) Several police officers on horseback kept the large crowd under control at the demonstration.

\_\_\_\_\_ *subject is at the beginning* \_\_\_\_\_

7) On the ground outside the classroom door was her half-open backpack covered in dust.

\_\_\_\_\_ *subject is at the end* \_\_\_\_\_

8) A small Amazonian fish, the piranha, has sharp teeth, powerful jaws, and an appetite for meat.

\_\_\_ *subject is at the beginning, simple subject is the first noun not the noun that renames it* \_\_\_

9) Based on the formula for automobile paint, the first modern nail polish was sold in 1917 by Cutex.

\_\_\_\_\_ *subject is at the beginning* \_\_\_\_\_

10) Ancient Egyptians who wanted companionship in the afterlife sometimes mummified a favorite pet.

\_\_\_\_\_ *subject is at the beginning* \_\_\_\_\_

11) Although oxygen is the most important gas in Earth's atmosphere, nitrogen is the most abundant gas.

\_\_\_\_\_ *subject is in the middle, simple and complete are the same for this sentence* \_\_\_\_\_

Write a subject to fill in each predicate. **SCAFFOLDING SUGGESTIONS—Give the simple subject and have students add description and identification.**

12. Without warning, \_\_\_\_\_ *fish* \_\_\_\_\_ leaped out of the water and landed on the deck of the boat.

13. \_\_\_\_\_ *onions* \_\_\_\_\_ crackled and hissed as the cook tossed them into the hot pan.

14. Under the sofa lies \_\_\_\_\_ *peanut* \_\_\_\_\_.