

NAME

Lesson 10.6.2 Subject and Predicate

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EXERCISE 1 Recognizing Subjects and Verbs

In each sentence, underline the subject (the simple subject) once and the verb (the simple predicate) twice. **Hint:** The subject and predicate may each include more than one word.

EXAMPLE Your experiences can become writing topics.

A simple subject may contain more than one word if it is a compound or proper noun.

Compound:

My *brother-in-law* writes song lyrics in his journal.

Proper:

"*The Summer Rain*" is a poem by Thoreau.

1. Writing in a journal can provide an outlet for your creativity.
2. Often, writers record ideas in a journal.
3. Henry David Thoreau filled thousands of pages in his journal with a range of ideas.
4. He eventually developed some of those ideas into published works.
5. His journals contain scientific observations of plants and animals.
6. By the way, do you keep a journal or a diary?
7. You should keep a record of important thoughts and experiences.
8. Besides observations, journals include drawings, poems, and imaginary stories.
9. A journal with only drawings may be called a sketchbook.
10. Does your high school have a literary magazine?

EXERCISE 2 Composing Sentences

Summarize key information from the call for submissions below in two or three sentences. Use complete sentences, capital letters where appropriate, and end punctuation. Underline the simple subjects once and the simple predicates twice.

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

The Literary Leaf (The literary journal of Park High School)

Genres: Poetry, drama, stories, and creative nonfiction

Deadline: March 15, noon

Length: 150–1,000 words, no more than two entries per writer

Submission format: Two typed copies of manuscript to Room 1213

EXAMPLE Park High School's literary journal is accepting submissions.
