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**Lesson 6.2 Simple Subjects and Predicates**

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**EXERCISE 1 Writing Subjects and Predicates**

Write the simple subject and simple predicate of each sentence. Label each.

**EXAMPLE** Have you seen an armadillo?

you (simple subject), Have seen (simple predicate)

- The animal's most striking feature is its shell.

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- An armadillo's bony shell covers its back.

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- Some armadillos can roll themselves into a ball.

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- Their diet includes insects, spiders, and little reptiles.

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- Do these mammals like hot weather?

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**Hint**

In many questions, the subject comes after a helping verb and before the main verb.

**EXERCISE 2 Identifying Subjects and Predicates**

Underline the simple subject of each sentence below once and the simple predicate, or verb, twice. Remember to underline any helping verbs in a verb phrase.

<sup>1</sup>Armadillos enjoy water. <sup>2</sup>The animals like the soft areas around streams and water holes. <sup>3</sup>Their sharp claws can dig more easily for food in moist, soft soils. <sup>4</sup>They also enjoy baths in muddy ponds. <sup>5</sup>Do these creatures swim? <sup>6</sup>Surprisingly, the answer is yes. <sup>7</sup>They can do a silly-looking paddle for short distances.

<sup>8</sup>However, swimming tires them quickly. <sup>9</sup>Luckily, armadillos can also gulp large amounts of air to inflate their stomachs and intestines. <sup>10</sup>The extra air works like a built-in life preserver. <sup>11</sup>The animals stay afloat more easily this way. <sup>12</sup>In addition, armadillos can walk across narrow streams, ponds, or water-filled ditches. <sup>13</sup>Some armadillos may hold their breath for five or six minutes! <sup>14</sup>Did you know that?