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2. SUBJECT AND PREDICATE

1. In a simple sentence, the person or thing spoken about is the subject. It may be a word, a phrase or a clause.
2. The Subject usually occurs at the beginning of the sentence and before the full (finite) verb.
3. What is said about the Subject is termed the Predicate.
4. The Predicate always contains the full (finite) verb in the sentence.

• Examples of Subject and Predicate in sentences :

Subject	Predicate
(1) I	<u>have</u> three visions for India.
(2) No human agency	<u>could have stopped</u> Ramanujan
(3) A third drop	<u>fell</u> .
(4) To believe (this)	<u>is</u> to see angles
(5) Dr Williams with six staff doctors	<u>performed</u> a complicated operation.

(The underlined parts in the predicates are the verbs.)

• Exception to the rule :

In very rare cases, the Subject appears later in the sentence, and even after the full (finite) verb.

Example : The sun, the moon, the stars He made.

(‘He’ is the person spoken about, so it is the Subject. Correctly framed, the sentence should read ‘He made the sun, the moon, the stars.’)

Note : In imperative sentences, that is, sentences containing a command, an order, an instruction or a request, the subject ‘you’ is implied.

e.g. : Open your book to page five.

Read the passage carefully.

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ACTIVITY

Q. 1. Pick out the subject in each of the following sentences :

(The first one is done for you.)

Ans.

(1) Not one of them was prepared to face the Pundit.

Not one of them

(2) A while he listened sadly.

(3) There were almost a hundred leaves about three days ago.

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(4) Trees of many kinds bearing flowers of various hues and fruits grow on all sides of the house.

(5) Among Cushing's significant achievements are the methods for the stemming of blood loss.

Q. 2. Underline the predicate in each of the following :

(The first one is done for you.)

(1) Coins rained freely.

(2) Her father's words are still ringing in the ears of Lanthoi.

(3) She is a middle-aged mother of three children.

(4) I can see through the gate.

(5) He does what he likes.
