

**REMEMBER**

- The **simple subject** is the main word or words in the complete subject.
- The **simple subject** can be the same as the complete subject.

More Practice

A. The complete subject is underlined in each sentence. Write the simple subject.

Example: The letter raises questions. letter

6. Mary Ann's birthday was months away.
7. The letter came from her town.
8. Her mother thought about the mystery.
9. The envelope gave no clue about the sender.
10. Mary Ann put it into her drawer.
11. She asked her friends many questions.
12. Nobody had the right answer.
13. Mary Ann thought about the envelope all day.

B. Write each sentence. Add a simple subject to each group of words.

Example: had a plan Mother had a plan.

14. _____ finally asked her neighbors.
15. _____ had an idea.
16. "_____ shoveled snow for Mrs. Jefferson, Mary Ann."
17. "Maybe _____ sent the money."
18. _____ asked Mrs. Jefferson about the envelope.
19. _____ smiled kindly at Mary Ann.
20. _____ had a secret.



Extra Practice, page 31

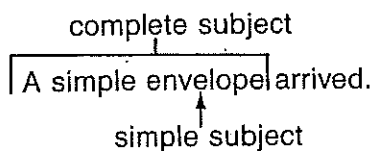
**WRITING APPLICATION A Map**

Make a map that shows the way to a hidden treasure chest. Write a paragraph about how your friend will use the map to find the treasure. Ask a partner to draw one line under the simple subject in each of your sentences.

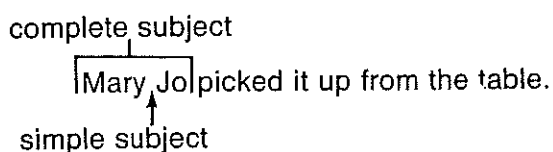
Name _____

Simple Subjects

The **simple subject** of a sentence is within the complete subject.
 It is the main word or words in the complete subject.
 The simple subject tells you exactly whom or what the sentence is about.



The simple subject is sometimes the same as the complete subject.



The complete subject in each sentence is underlined. Circle the simple subject.

1. Mary Jo noticed the address.
2. It had Mary Jo's name on it.
3. The girl opened the envelope quickly.
4. Who sent this to her?
5. Her mother looked over her shoulder.
6. Mary Jo unfolded the pages of the letter.
7. The contents looked strange.
8. These things looked like tickets.
9. Who sent them?
10. Mom smiled happily.
11. The tickets were for Mom and Mary Jo.
12. They will leave for Spain in three days.
13. Uncle Josh lives in Spain.
14. He sent the tickets to them.
15. Mary Jo's uncle surprised her with tickets to Spain.

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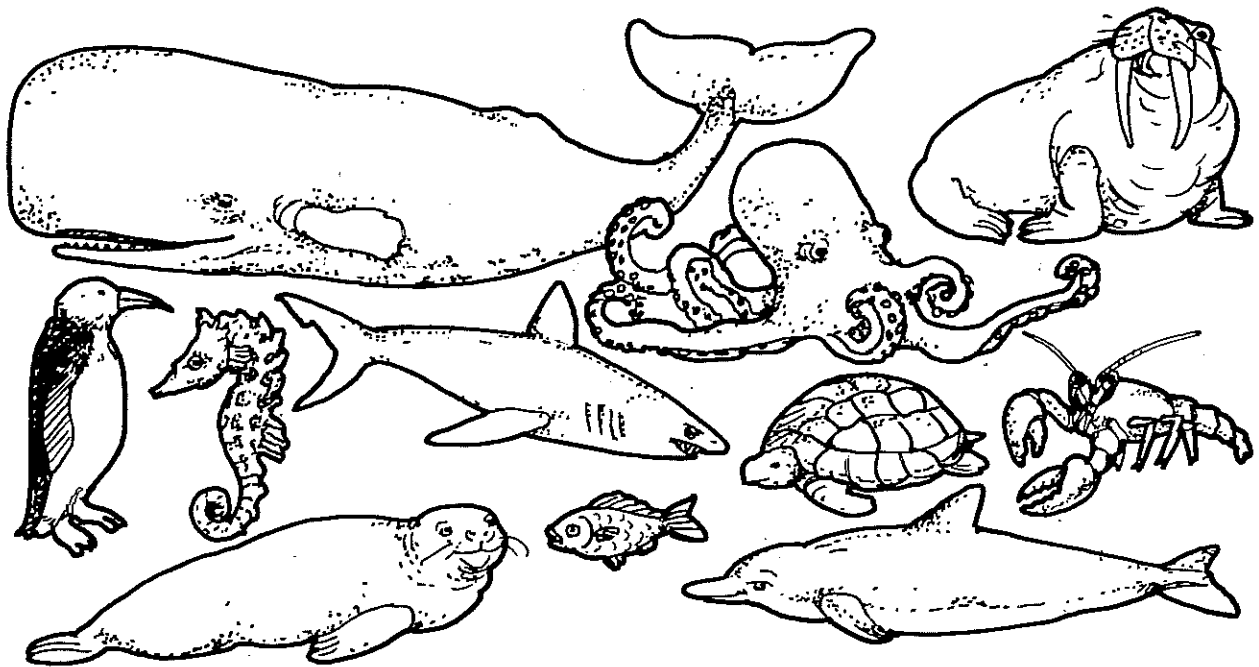
On Your Own

Pair and Share

In a Group

Sounds Fishy

Imagine that you and your partner are visiting a large aquarium or marine park, and you want to write about your visit. Add a complete subject to each predicate below to complete sentences about the aquarium. You can be as imaginative as you wish. When you are done, circle the simple subject within each complete subject you added.



1. _____ flock to the aquarium.
2. _____ do wonderful tricks.
3. _____ swims in its tank.
4. _____ crawls on the bottom.
5. _____ eats small fish.
6. _____ balance balls on their noses.
7. _____ shows its huge teeth.
8. _____ laugh at the penguins.
9. _____ feeds the fish.
10. _____ swim very fast.