

Subject of a Sentence

- * Every sentence has a subject. The **subject** of a sentence names something or someone.

My old friend jumped over the candlestick.
(*My old friend* is the complete subject.)

- * The **simple subject** is the main word in the subject.

My old friend jumped over the candlestick.
(*Friend* is the simple subject.)

- * A **compound subject** is made up of two or more simple subjects.

Jack and Jill jumped over the candlestick.
(*Jack* and *Jill* is the compound subject.)

**1**

Draw a line under the complete subject. Circle the simple subject.

Examples: A few little seeds fell to the ground.

1. An enormous beanstalk grew up and up.
2. Brave Jack climbed the beanstalk.
3. A huge castle rose up out of the clouds.
4. The ugly giant roared, "Fee, fie, fo, fum!"
5. The giant's wife saved Jack.
6. An old clock protected Jack from the giant.
7. Frightened little Jack stayed very still.

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Draw a line under the complete subject in each sentence below. Write an S in the blank if the main part of the subject is simple or a C if the main part is compound.

Example: C The giant and his wife ate dinner.

- _____ 1. The ugly giant called for his magic goose.
- _____ 2. The magic goose laid golden eggs.
- _____ 3. The giant and the goose slept.
- _____ 4. Jack snatched the goose.
- _____ 5. The bold boy climbed down the beanstalk.
- _____ 6. The surprised giant chased him.
- _____ 7. Jack's mother chopped down the beanstalk.
- _____ 8. Jack and his mother lived happily ever after.

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Write three sentences about a favorite fairy tale. Underline the complete subject in each sentence you write.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____
