



The Simple Sentence: **The Subject**

Practice 1

Instructions. [Based on what you learned in this lesson](#) about the subject, write in the space provided the complex and the simple subjects of each of the following sentences.

When you are done, see "Answer Key" to check your answers.

1. Two of my old high school friends are coming to visit this weekend.

Complex Subject: _____

Simple Subject: _____

2. John's behavior at office parties was embarrassing.

Complex Subject: _____

Simple Subject: _____

3. The number of stars in the Universe is unimaginably large.

Complex Subject: _____

Simple Subject: _____

4. A major difficulty in learning Japanese is the complexity of the writing system.

Complex Subject: _____

Simple Subject: _____

5. Understanding the elements composing a sentence helps you write grammatical sentences.

Complex Subject: _____

Simple Subject: _____

6. The car parked behind the building must be moved.

Complex Subject: _____

Simple Subject: _____

7. A group of scientists from different research facilities has been working together to understand the phenomenon.

Complex Subject: _____

Simple Subject: _____

8. The southern part of the state of Texas is suffering from a long drought.

Complex Subject: _____

Simple Subject: _____

Answer Key

- Two of my old high school friends are coming to visit this weekend.
Complex Subject: [two of my old high school friends](#)
Simple Subject: [two](#)
- John's behavior at office parties was embarrassing.
Complex Subject: [John's behavior at office parties](#)
Simple Subject: [\(John's\) behavior](#)
- The number of stars in the Universe is unimaginably large.
Complex Subject: [the number of starts in the Universe](#)
Simple Subject: [the number](#)
- A major difficulty in learning Japanese is the complexity of the writing system.
Complex Subject: [A major difficulty in learning Japanese](#)
Simple Subject: [a \(major\) difficulty](#)
- Understanding the elements composing a sentence helps you write grammatical sentences.
Complex Subject: [understanding the elements composing a complex sentence](#)
Simple Subject: [understanding](#)
- The car parked behind the building must be moved.
Complex Subject: [the car parked behind the building](#)
Simple Subject: [the car](#)
- A group of scientists from different research facilities has been working together to understand the phenomenon.
Complex Subject: [a group of scientists from different research facilities](#)
Simple Subject: [a group](#)
- The southern part of the state of Texas is suffering from a long drought.
Complex Subject: [the southern part of the state of Texas](#)
Simple Subject: [the \(southern\) part](#)

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