Warm-Up

Simple Sentences: Sentence Parts, Verb Tense, and Verb Voice

Lesson Question

Lesson Goals

**Recognize** when to use past, present, and future

**Distinguish** between and voice.

**Identify** the parts of sentences.

**Understand** sentence and how to use correctly.
Words to Know

Fill in this table as you work through the lesson. You may also use the glossary to help you.

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Sentences: Tiny Stories with Complete Thoughts

Underline the words that describe who, what, and where in the sentence.

The girl jumps in the wet sand.
The Basic Parts of Simple Sentences

Every sentence has a **subject** and a **predicate**.

- The subject is the “who” or “what” of the sentence, and the predicate is what is said about the subject or what the subject does.

**Example:**

The cat sleeps in the sunshine.

Simple and Complete Subjects

A simple subject contains a word or a group of words.

- John
- Man
- Birds
- They
- Dogs and cats (compound subject)

A complete subject includes the subject and of the words that tell about the subject.

- Mary’s brother John
- The man with the yellow hat
- Far above the clouds, five birds
- Young women who play soccer
- Playful dogs and cats (compound subject)
### Simple and Complete Predicates

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### Understanding Complete Simple Sentences

A complete simple sentence:

- contains one and one .
- expresses a .
- begins with a capital letter.
- ends with a .
Direct objects

- Monica hit the ball.
- Raul carried his books in a backpack.

Indirect objects

- I threw the chew toy to Huck.
- Marek gave Susan the present.
Verb Tense

Verb tense is the quality of a verb that shows the time of the action.

There are blank basic tenses.

Complete the graphic organizer.

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Verb Voice

Verb voice shows whether the subject performs or receives the action of the verb.

- Lupe kicked the soccer ball into the goal.

- The soccer ball was kicked into the goal.
Using Active and Passive Voice in Your Writing

Most writing uses active voice because active voice is livelier and more specific.

- using the passive voice unless:
  - you want to emphasize the receiver of the action.
    - Ex: All men are created equal.
  - you do not know who performed the action or do not want the reader to know.
    - Ex: An oily sludge was found in the nearby creek soon after the factory opened.
  - it does not matter who performs the action.
    - Ex: Dinner is served!

Subject-Verb Agreement

The subject and verb in a sentence or clause must agree in number.

Singular subjects have singular verbs, and plural subjects have plural verbs.

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Complex Subject-Verb Agreement

Identifying the subject is the key to making sure subjects and verbs agree.

- All of the students on the team dance.
- Only one of the students dances.

Subject-Verb Agreement with the Verb “To Be”

- I am a hard worker.
- My favorite pair of socks is in the laundry.
- He/ She / It is.

- They were first in line.
- Learning algebra was a challenge.
Other Subject-Verb Agreement Challenges

the [ ] to determine what form of the verb to use when there is added information.

- Example: I saw a movie a few weeks ago in which the main character, a member of an alien race, leads a rebellion.

Use a [ ] with compound subjects joined by *and*.

- Example: Elijah and his crew fought to free the people from a tyrannical ruler.

Make the verb [ ] with the noun or pronoun nearest to the verb when the words in a compound subject are joined by *or, nor, or neither*.

- Example: Neither the evil emperor nor his troops were expecting the people to rise up.

Using Verb Tense Correctly across Sentences

Circle the underlined words that are in present tense.

Draw a square around underlined words that are in past tense.

Write an “F” next to underlined words that are in future tense.

Scientists from around the world are gathered this week at NASA's Ames Research Center in Moffett Field, California, to discuss the latest findings resulting from the analysis of Kepler Space Telescope data.

Included in these findings is the discovery of 833 new candidate planets, which will be announced later today by the Kepler team. Ten of these candidates are... in their sun's habitable zone, which is defined as the range of distance from a star where the surface temperature of an orbiting planet may be suitable for liquid water.

At this conference two years ago, the Kepler team announced its first confirmed habitable zone planet, Kepler-22b. Since then, four more habitable zone candidates have been confirmed, including two in a single system.

—“NASA Kepler Results Usher in a New Era of Astronomy”
Summary

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Answer

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