

TEN-MINUTE GRAMMAR

DRY ONE

SUBJECT AND PREDICATE

Identify the subject in each of the following sentences (who or what the sentence is about):

A sneaky rat named Scratch was pilfering food from the pantry.

1. Suddenly, the rat heard a low growl and a hiss.
2. Scratch bolted as fast as he could.
3. Captain Meow, the black tomcat, raced at Scratch's heels.
4. Just in time, the brown rat scurried into his hole.

Identify the predicate in each of the following sentences (what the subject did):

Captain Meow waited patiently.

5. He sat outside the mouse hole all day long.
6. Finally, the old tomcat decided to take a nap.
7. Snoring loudly, the sleepy hunter forgot about his prey.

Wordplay – Just for fun!

➤ **FOUR-LETTER WORDS:** Take the four-letter word below and change one letter to make a new four-letter word (keep it clean!) Then take *that* word and change one letter to make a new word. Then take *that* word and... You get the picture.

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DRY TWO

SUBJECT AND PREDICATE

Identify the subject in each of the following sentences from Incarceron by Catherine Fisher:

1. Necklaces and amulets hung from the posts.
2. A small whine emerged from the device.

Identify the predicate in each of the following sentences from Incarceron:

3. Jared had crouched and was picking up the sharp, curved fragments of glass.
4. Huge and malevolent, the bird stared down at her.

Add your own subject to the following sentences from Incarceron:

5. _____ was black and looked like ebony.
6. _____ hadn't really been listening.

Add your own predicate to the following sentences from Incarceron:

7. Sleek silver devices _____.
8. The long table _____.

Wordplay – Just for fun!

➤ **CATALOGUE CREATOR:** The prefix "tele-" means "from a distance" and sounds like "tella." How many words can you list that contain this prefix?

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DRY THREE

SUBJECT AND PREDICATE

In your own words...

1. What is a subject and how can you identify one?
2. What is a predicate and how can you identify one?
3. If a group of words doesn't have a subject AND a predicate, why is it NOT a full sentence?

General Grammar Review:

4. Which of the following homophones is usually a verb: Affect or Effect?
5. Write a sentence in which the word "president" must be capitalized.
6. What are the two verb phrases in the following sentence?
 - a. The apes had become more intelligent and were taking over the world.

Wordplay – Just for fun!

- **ANAGRAM:** Rearrange the letters in the nonsense phrase below to create new words that actually make sense.
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(Hint: talent competition)

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DRY FOUR

SUBJECT AND PREDICATE

Read the following excerpt from Incarceron by Catherine Fisher and then answer the following questions:

- (a) Inside, he latched the flimsy door and sat on the bed. (b) The room was cold and smelled of unwashed clothes, but it was quiet. (c) Slowly, he let himself lie back. (d) He breathed in and inhaled terror.
1. What is the predicate of sentence (a)? (Hint: it's a compound predicate, so the subject is doing two things, which are both part of the predicate).
 2. What are the subjects of sentence (b)? (Hint: the sentence has two subjects because it's a compound sentence—two independent clauses.)
 3. Would the word "Slowly" in sentence (c) be part of the subject or the predicate?
 4. In sentence (d), is "breathed in" part of the subject or predicate?

Using the proper proofreading marks, correct the six errors in this excerpt:

The swan was moving. it seemed to glide, peacefully at first; than it reared up, flapping it's great wings and she saw an arrow come slowly out of the out of the trees and pierce its breast

Wordplay – Just for fun!

- **DESCRAMBLER:** Try to sort out the five scrambled words below:
NEVI DFEIR NYKHUC OLYOGOZ NGAEBAB