Subjects and Predicates

A sentence has a subject and predicate. The subject is the sentence part that tells whom or what the sentence is about. All the words in the subject are called the complete subject. The predicate is the sentence part that tells what the subject is or does. It includes a verb. All the words in the predicate are called the complete predicate.

In the following sentence, the complete subject is underlined once. The complete predicate is underlined twice. The verb is circled.

The market has many interesting things.

Directions Underline the complete subject of each sentence.
1. Many people buy beautiful carpets at the market.
2. Farmers bring goats to the market too.
3. The vegetables in the stalls look delicious.
4. Children run around the town square.
5. Everything happens at the town market!

Directions Underline the complete predicate of each sentence. Circle the verb.
6. A young boy asks for help.
7. The old man is wiser than the boy.
8. The students in a classroom learn lessons all the time.
9. Animals learn differently from people.
10. My parents teach me many lessons.

Home Activity Your child learned about subjects and predicates. Say a sentence. Have your child identify its complete subject and predicate.