Complete Subjects and Complete Predicates
Complete Subjects

The complete subject of a sentence is who or what is doing the action and all the modifiers (adjectives, articles, and prepositional phrases) which go with it.
Example

- The big, fluffy cat scratched on its post.
  Who or what scratched?
  The cat
  The complete subject of the sentence
  The big, fluffy cat
Complete Predicate

- The complete predicate is the action of the sentence and all its modifiers (adverbs and prepositional phrases) and complements.
Example

- The big, fluffy cat scratched on its post.

What did the cat do?

scratched

The complete predicate of the sentence

scratched on its post
Now you try it:

- The funny monkey ate bananas in the jungle.

- Identify the complete subject
Did you get it?

The funny monkey *ate* bananas in the jungle.

Now, what is the complete predicate?

The funny monkey *ate bananas in the jungle.*
The boy in the first desk won the award for best writer in the class.

Complete subject
Who or what won? The boy in the first desk

Complete predicate
What did the boy do? won the award for the best writer in the class
Practice

- Now write these sentences and underline the complete subject once and the complete predicate twice.
Jane, the smart student, knows how to find complete subjects and predicates.
Mary and Elizabeth are playing softball for Flat Rock Middle School next year.
Sentence #3

- The state of Georgia is also known as “The Peach State.”
Sentence #4

- We are watching *Survivor* on TV tonight.
Sentence #5

Are you going to the basketball game on Friday?
Check your answers:
Sentence #1

- The complete subject
  Jane, the smart student,

- The complete predicate
  knows how to find complete subjects and predicates.
Check your answers: Sentence #2

- Mary and Elizabeth are playing softball for Flat Rock Middle School next year.
Check your answers: Sentence #3

- The state of Georgia is also known as “The Peach State.”
Check your answers:
Sentence #4

- We are watching *Survivor* on TV tonight.
Check your answers: Sentence #5

- Are you going to the basketball game on Friday?
How did you do?

- If you are still having trouble identifying complete subjects and predicates, you may come in Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday morning for extra help.

- You may also go to www.kearneyflatrock8a.eboard.com for more practice.