

LET'S FOCUS ON SIMPLE SENTENCES

WHAT IS A SIMPLE SENTENCE?

A **simple sentence**, (also called an **independent clause**), contains a subject and a verb, and it expresses a complete thought.

Example: Josephine loves cooking.

PLEASE NOTE

A simple sentence can only have **one** subject-verb combination, but can have a compound subject and/or a compound verb.

John and Hugo ran to the park and played tennis.

EXERCISE 1

For each of the following simple sentences, underline the subject and circle the main verb (or verb combination).

1. The teacher plans to mark the books this evening.
2. Jerry will be going to the shops today.
3. Jennifer, Susan and Carly will be organizing the school dance this year.
4. The school management committee organized and implemented the necessary changes.
5. The boy in the corner pouted and grumbled for the whole lesson.

EXERCISE 2

Identify whether the following are simple sentences or not by ticking the YES or NO box. If NO, then give a reason why not.

		Yes	No	Reason
1	Susan likes to cycle at night.			
2	Every year at this time.			
3	My father will never forgive you.			
4	Jimmy, that really tall boy and I.			
5	Sophie ate a burger, and I ate pizza.			
6	All of the students were late.			
7	Was so easy to do.			

EXERCISE 3

Write three of your own simple sentences below.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____