

# WHODUNIT?

*In a sentence, the word that tells who or what does the action is the subject. The subject can be any person, thing, or place.*

*Underline the subject (who or what) in these sentences:*

1. The river ran under the bridge.
2. Alan rowed a boat.
3. The swift water pulled his boat faster.
4. His brother threw him a rope.
5. The rope fell into the water.
6. Alan pulled harder on the oars.
7. He rowed the boat to shore.



*Put a subject into these sentences. (You may add the word "A" or "The".)*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ called for help.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ heard him.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ came to his rescue.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ shook with cold.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ gave him a blanket.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ thanked him.

*Sometimes there are two people or things in the subject. Example: Bob and Joan played tennis. Make up double subjects to complete these sentences:*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ sang a duet.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ did a magic act.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ dressed like clowns.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ did tricks.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ make a good snack.



## WHAT'S WHAT?



Read these sentences. Underline the word that is the subject.

1. China is a country in Asia.
2. It is as large as Australia.
3. Many people live there.
4. Its population is 62 times that of Australia.
5. China's big cities are located beside rivers.

Read these sentences. Underline the word that is the predicate. ("Predicate" is another way of saying "the most important verb in the sentence".)

1. Chinese farmers raise many crops.
2. Terrace farms use hilly land.
3. The main crop is rice.
4. It grows in watery fields.
5. Some Chinese fish for food.



Read these sentences. On the line in front of each sentence mark S if the subject and predicate are singular, P if they are plural. (The subjects and predicates are underlined.)

- \_\_\_ 1. The Chinese have some unusual musical instruments.
- \_\_\_ 2. They use many gongs and bells.
- \_\_\_ 3. One instrument is a stone chime.
- \_\_\_ 4. A player holds a two-string fiddle between his or her knees.
- \_\_\_ 5. A Chinese lute has silk strings.

How many did you get right? 15 is the total. 11-15 is very good. If you missed more than 3, try the practice pages (pages 2-7) to help you learn about parts of sentences.

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