

A verb is an action word.

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Write a verb to go with each noun. Do not use any verb more than once.

lion _____

twins _____

otter _____

glass _____

wave _____

_____ a cliff

_____ a pie

_____ our cousin

_____ the basket

_____ the ramp

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Write sentences that include the noun and the verb listed.

Minimum Word Count	
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1. firefighter, flies

2. grandpa, sings

3. temperature, rose



What is a simple subject?

There is often more than one noun in a sentence.
Subject is one role a noun can play.
The simple subject is the noun doing the action.

Make your vocabulary card.

1. In large print letters, write **subject** in the center of the front of your card.
2. Flip your card over.
3. In smaller letters at the top of the back of the card, write...
simple subject = noun doing the action ("the doer")
4. Underneath, write examples of sentences with underlined simple subjects. You might use the following:

The lion roared.
The boy ate a burger.

subject

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Read these examples.

The toddler threw food from his highchair. **Toddler** is the "doer" of the sentence.
The fish swam to the top of the tank. **Fish** is the "doer" of the sentence.
In the evening the scouts ate s'mores. **Scouts** is the "doer" of the sentence.

Now you try.

- Underline the **simple subject** in each sentence. Each sentence has 1 simple subject.

The prince drew his sword.

In our garden butterflies swarm around the bushes.

The soldier saluted his captain.

Remember.

- The simple subjects in the examples above are all examples of which part of speech? (nouns or verbs) _____
- Underline all the nouns in this sentence:
My best friend parked his bike on the curb beside our apartment. (4)

A subordinating conjunction begins a dependent clause.**A**

For each sentence, circle the correct subordinating conjunction from the choices provided. Make sure your choice makes sense! Then write it in the blank.

1. _____ (When/Because) I opened my new umbrella, it began to rain cats and dogs.
2. Seth quickly fell asleep _____ (as soon as/unless) he put his head on his pillow.
3. Our teacher sharpened two dozen pencils _____ (after/before) we began our spelling test.
4. _____ (Until/If) our dog continues to bark, we will have to put it inside so it will not annoy the neighbors.
5. I love a tall glass of milk _____ (whenever/while) I am served chocolate chip cookies.

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For each, circle the subordinating conjunction. There will only be 1 in each sentence! Remember that subordinating conjunctions begin dependent clauses.

1. As soon as the defenders rushed the quarterback, he passed the ball.
2. The girl skated figure eights whenever she needed time to think.
3. When Dad fries bacon in the skillet, it fills the house with a wonderful smell.
4. The man on the corner painted his house a bright blue after he put on a new roof.
5. I like to listen to music while I am doing my chores.
6. If the trash can gets full, you need to empty it and take the bag to the street.
7. It is a good idea to fill your dog's water bowl before you leave for the morning.
8. Because all the bulbs burnt out, the basement is pretty spooky.

C For each sentence, choose from the word bank a subordinating conjunction that makes sense. You may use some conjunctions more than once and others not at all. Read your final sentences out loud.

Useful Subordinating Conjunctions

Use these words to begin dependent clauses.

<u>time</u>	until	<u>condition</u>	<u>cause</u>
after	when	if	because
as soon as	whenever	unless	since
before	while		

- The children ran for their buses _____ the bell rang.
- _____ Mom and Louise began their trip, they had to pack their car.
- Tim and Rob do a victory dance _____ they score a point.
- _____ you choose some yummy ice cream, I will get milk and bread.
- Everybody should walk down the path on the right _____ they get to the clearing with the picnic benches.
- _____ both my mom and my sister have colds, we stopped to get tissues on the way today.
- My grandparents like to walk in their neighborhood _____ it drops below freezing.
- I screamed _____ my brother yelled, "Boo!"
- The table collapsed _____ they stacked too many books on it.
- _____ Greg set the painting on the radiator, it began to dry.