

20 IDENTIFYING SUBJECTS

Section 9A, *Essentials of English*

In the following sentences place the complete subject in parentheses and write the simple or compound subject in the space to the right.

EXAMPLE:

(Our country) now has fifty states.

country

1. My neighbor loves New Orleans jazz. neighbor
2. My neighbor on the right loves Viennese waltzes. neighbor
3. Rent is a large item in our budget. Rent
4. Rent and food are the largest items in our budget. Rent & Food
5. Every morning before breakfast he takes a long walk. he
6. Is there any reason for apologizing to him? reason
7. The schedule of trains on the West Suburban Transit Line has been reduced forty percent. schedule
8. Fold the paper on the dotted line and tear it straight across. You (implied)
9. How long does the trip from New York to San Francisco take by plane? trip
10. Modern city planners must be particularly aware of the need for adequate mass transportation. planners
11. Saul Bellow's novel *Humboldt's Gift* was published in 1975, the year before he was awarded the Nobel prize for literature. novel
12. The vacant lot used by children playing softball was recently given to the city for a park. lot

13. After all the rain this summer, the weeds have completely taken over my vegetable garden.

Weeds

14. Mine is the red hat.

hat

15. Basketball and handball are his favorite sports.

Basketball & handball

16. Her favorite sports are basketball and handball.

sports

17. There were twenty-seven different kinds of pie on sale at the fair last year.

kinds

18. Seldom was food so rapidly consumed.

food

19. Neither John nor Jerry is eligible for the team.

Neither John nor Jerry

20. The children in the lower grades were led through the side exit into the playground.

children

21 IDENTIFYING PREDICATES

Section 9B, *Essentials of English*

In the following sentences place the complete predicate in parentheses and write the simple or compound predicate in the space to the right.

EXAMPLE:

The shop in Windsor (contained a wide variety of wares).

contained

1. Plastic toys break easily. break
2. We put our hopes in the United Nations. put
3. The mechanic checked the points and spark plugs and adjusted the carburetor. checked & adjusted
4. During the crisis, we spent much of our time reading the papers and listening to the news. spent
5. Praise the Lord and pass the ammunition. Praise and pass
6. Are the subways running on time this morning? Are running
7. By next October he will have been serving as town clerk for thirty-two years. will have been serving
8. After all those years, he finally married his childhood sweetheart, the girl next door. married
9. Very often the slaves tried to run away, but generally without success. tried
10. Despite their apparent recklessness, his actions were always governed by his innate caution. were governed
11. In order to become a successful businessperson, much else besides capital is necessary. is

12. Capture by the enemy was the most dreaded fate of all.
13. After years of failures and miscalculations, Carruthers had finally perfected his formula.
14. Lesson by lesson, exercise by exercise, he plodded through the manual.
15. On the corner near the subway exit sat the old man on the curb.
16. He was summoned before the grand jury and questioned about his connection with the Homex Building Corporation.
17. There in the sand beneath the end of the dock lay the ring.
18. The program lists the names of all the contributors, no matter how small their donations.
19. Her diaries betray her inner contradictions and show a woman filled with doubt.
20. For the first ten years of his marriage he was a devoted husband and father.

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