Complete Sentences
The Formula

Subject + Predicate = Complete Sentence
Subject and Predicate

A lesson from Mr. Morton
Mr. Morton walked.

- **Mr. Morton** is the subject
  - A subject is the noun doing the action
- **Walked** is the predicate
  - The predicate is what the subject (noun) does
Tip

• To find the subject just ask “Who is doing the verb?”

• To find the predicate just ask: “What’s being done?”
Direct Object

• Subject + Predicate = Complete Sentence

• Subject + Predicate + Direct Object =

COMPLETE SENTENCE
The D.O.

- D.O. = Direct Object
- Example: Mr. Morton wrote a letter.
- To find the direct object just ask:
  "What did Mr. Morton write?"

He wrote a letter. The letter is the D.O.
Mr. Morton knew a girl.

- Subject?  
  Mr. Morton

- Predicate?  
  knew

- Direct Object?  
  a girl
Making complete sentences

Use the lists below to make complete sentences. Underline the subject, circle the predicate, and box the direct object.

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