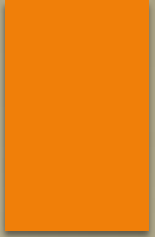




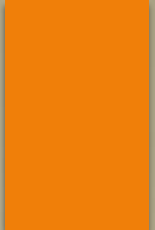
The Sentence



Greenbaum and Nelson (2002: 13) state that Sentence is the largest unit that is described in grammar. It expresses a complete thought.



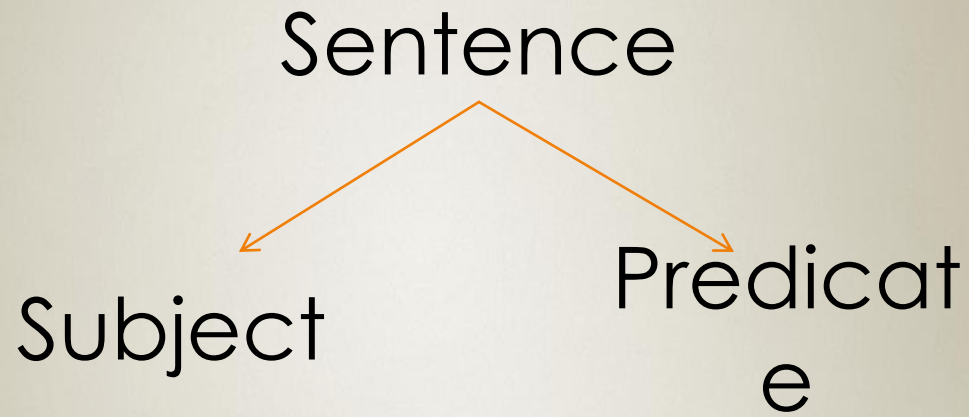
However, there is an arbitrariness in that definition, for example in notices. They seem to be complete in themselves, but are not generally regarded as sentences: *Exit, Danger, 50 mph speed limit.*



On the other hand, there are sentences that clearly consist of more than one thought, for example:

This week marks the 300th anniversary of the publication of Sir Isaac Newton's *Philosophiæ Naturalis Principia Mathematica*, a fundamental work for the whole of modern science and a key influence on the philosophy of the European Enlightenment.


Basic Sentence Pattern



We should remember that

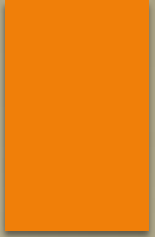
The subject must agree with its verb.

- ▶ For a singular third-person subject in present tense, the verb must have an –s ending.
- ▶ For the irregular verb *be*, the singular uses *is*, *am*, and *are* for present tense and *was* and *were* for past tense.



In 'there + verb' verb construction, the word 'there' is never the subject. The subject comes after the verb, for example:

There were several **international officials** visiting the city yesterday.



**Read the following
paragraph. Underline the
subject and the verb.**

Communication

A good story is essential to a good speech. A good story certainly helps a speaker to grab and maintain people's attention. Sources for good stories are everywhere. You can find stories in children's book story or in holy book. You can highlight the exploits of heroes from mythologies or movies in order to make a point.

Indicate if the sentence is true or false

1. Last week went fishing for trout at the nearby mountain lake.
2. A schedule of the day's event can be obtained at the front desk.
3. A job on the day shift or the night shift at the plant available.
4. The new computer program has provides a variety of helpful application.
5. My best friend always helpful with problem.

Cont.

6. The bus schedule has changed since last week.
7. Accidentally dropped the glass on the floor
8. The customer paying the clerk for the clothes.
9. The professor handed the syllabus to the students.
10. Each day practiced the piano for hours.

Cont.

11. The basketball player tossed the ball into the hoop.
12. The new student in the class very talkative and friendly
13. Walking with the children to school.
14. The whales headed south for the winter.
15. During the meeting in the office discussed the schedule.