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Simple and Complete Subjects

Simple subject – word or words that tell what or whom a sentence is about.

Complete subject – all words that tell what or whom a sentence is about.

Example: A **house** of ice is called an igloo. (Simple subject is highlighted.)

Directions: Label the underlined word(s) SS for simple subject or CS for compound subject.

- ___ 1. The largest state in the United States is Alaska.
- ___ 2. The 49th state of the United States of America was Alaska.
- ___ 3. The territory of Alaska became a state in 1959.
- ___ 4. The coastline of Alaska is longer than all the other U.S. states combined.
- ___ 5. The state of Alaska is twice the size of Texas.
- ___ 6. The area of Alaska is larger than Texas, California, and Montana combined.
- ___ 7. The 48 contiguous states are referred to as the “lower 48” by Alaskans.
- ___ 8. The tidal shoreline of Alaska and its myriad of islands are nearly 34,000 miles.
- ___ 9. Many active volcanoes are found in the coastline regions of Alaska.
- ___ 10. Half of the world’s glaciers are in Alaska.

Directions: Underline the complete subject. Circle or highlight the simple subject.

Example: The cute, little **puppy** loves its bed.

11. Numerous indigenous people occupied Alaska for thousands of years.
12. The first European exploration of Alaska was 1741 by the Russian Navy.
13. The crew of the *St. Peter* returned to Russia with otter pelts.
14. The sea otter pelts of Alaska were judged the finest fur in the world.
15. The first permanent European settlement was founded in 1784.
16. A Spanish settlement and fort were built in Alaska in 1789.
17. Miners and prospectors went to Alaska during the Klondike Gold Rush.
18. Official territorial status was granted to Alaska in 1912.
19. The massive “Good Friday Earthquake” killed 144 people in 1964.
20. A massive crude oil spill of 11,000,000 U.S. gallons occurred in 1989.