

Review B: Subjects and Predicates

EXERCISE In each of the following sentences, underline the complete subject once and the complete predicate twice. Then, circle the simple subject and the verb.

Example 1. The playful, intelligent dolphin belongs to the toothed whale family.

1. An unusual event occurred at our beach last summer.
2. Two girls were jogging along the beach.
3. They heard a strange sound.
4. Thrashing around in the water was a dark object.
5. A helpless dolphin was being tossed around by the waves.
6. The worried joggers called the Center for Coastal Studies.
7. Two dolphin experts soon arrived at the beach.
8. They moved into the cold surf near the dolphin.
9. Scientists at the local aquarium cared for the dolphin.
10. The healthy dolphin was released into the ocean several months later.
11. Have you ever been to the ocean?
12. Dolphins and whales are mammals, not fish.
13. An aquatic mammal, such as a dolphin or whale, breathes air through a blowhole on top of the head.
14. Fish have gills.
15. Most salmon are born in fresh water but live part of their lives in the ocean.
16. The thousand-mile migration of the salmon fascinates me.
17. Fish "ladders" are built near dams and help the salmon on their voyage.
18. Leaps of more than ten feet have been recorded.
19. The longest spawning trip exceeds two thousand miles.
20. Salmon spawn in fresh water.
21. A Pacific salmon spawns in the stream of its birth and then dies.
22. An Atlantic salmon may spawn as many as three times in its lifetime.
23. The female fish digs several saucer-shaped nests in the bed of a stream.
24. One ten-pound female may deposit up to ten thousand eggs at spawning time.
25. A smolt is a young salmon.