

UNIT 8 – SNAKES IN INDIA

I. SUBJECT & PREDICATE

Read the following sentences.

1. The snakes move around as long as they have rats to feed on.
2. He told him to rest at home until the pain subsides

- ‘**Until**’ refers to a point of time or an event.
- ‘**As long as**’ refers to a period of time (duration) over which an activity lasts.

Fill in the blanks with ‘until’ or ‘as long as’

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2. We went on watching TV10 p.m.
3. The cricket match continued the rain stopped it.
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II. Look at the following sentences from the text

1. Kamal examined his foot.

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2. It was a snake-bite.

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2

- Normally all sentences have a **subject** and a **predicate**.
- In the above sentences, the first part is called **the subject**
- and the second part is called **the predicate**.
- The subject is usually a **noun** or a **pronoun**.
- The predicate gives information about the subject.
- You will notice that some sentences do not have subjects as in ‘Shut the door.’ Here, the subject is ‘you.’

Now observe some more examples:

1. Nagamani came.

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2. She taught a wonderful lesson.

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3. A number of students liked it.

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2

The subjects in these sentences are a **noun**, a **pronoun**, and a **noun phrase**, respectively.

So, the subject of a sentence can be a noun, a pronoun, or a noun phrase.

The predicate in the first sentence consists of a single word, which is a verb.

In sentences 2 and 3, the predicate consists of more than one word but it has essentially a verb. So, the predicate can consist of one or more words but it must contain a verb.

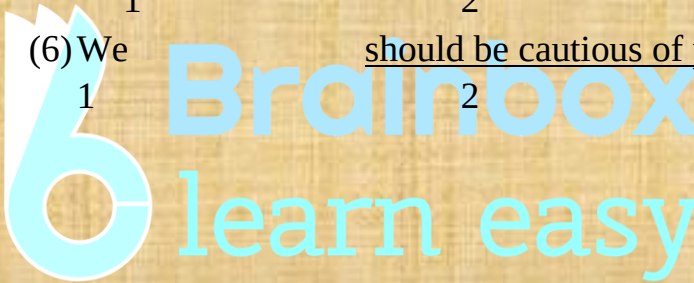
Now read the following sentences and pick out the subject and the predicate in each sentence.

The first one is done for you.

- (1) Poisonous snakes are very dangerous.
- (2) The cobra is a poisonous snake.
- (3) Many people die of snake bite.
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- (5) Doctors can save snake bite victims.
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III. EDITING

Read the following passage. Every numbered sentence has an error. Identify and edit it.

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2. He leaned back removing his spectacle.
3. He said, “Koushik, can you bring down my old box from the upper shelf in me bedroom?” The boy mounted a chair as quick as a lizard and brought the box down.
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