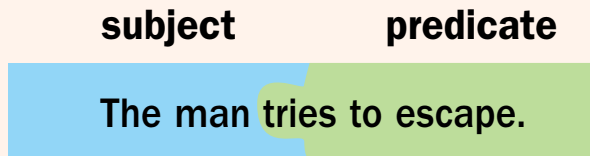


# What Do You Need for a Sentence?

## A Subject and a Predicate

A complete sentence has two parts: the **subject** and the **predicate**.



To find the parts, in most sentences, ask yourself:

1. Whom or what is the sentence about? Your answer is the **subject**.
2. What does the subject do? Your answer is the **predicate**.

| Sentence              | Whom or What? | What Does the Subject Do? |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| The man finds a tool. |               |                           |
| The prongs snap.      |               |                           |

### Try It

**A. Match each subject to a predicate. Say the new sentence.**

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1. A metal shield | scrape the mortar. |
| 2. The man        | bleed.             |
| 3. The prongs     | has three prongs.  |
| 4. His hands      | ends at last.      |
| 5. The experiment | pulls the shield.  |

**B. Tell a partner what you liked about “The Experiment.” Write your three best sentences. Include a subject and a predicate in each.**