Subjects and Predicates
The subject tells whom or what the sentence is about.
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The predicate of a sentence tells something about the subject.
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Directions: Determine if the underlined words are the subject or the predicate. Write S for subject and P for predicate.

1. The parents of the two boys cheered loudly in the stands.
2. The subject of my essay is not yet decided.
3. Did the students at the high school learn their lesson?
4. Venus is no longer considered a planet in our Solar System.
5. The alternative route was much longer than the original one.
6. The sugary cereal is not healthy and is, in fact, harmful to your body.
7. The boys from Eastwood and their friends arrived ten minutes late.
8. The band’s lead singer, Charles Loud, was once a very shy kid.
9. The loud noises at the concert last night gave me a bad headache.
10. Did you realize the extent of the damage caused by the tornado?
11. How do you know the gentleman standing in the doorway of the school?
12. The many different colors of the painting make it interesting.
13. Whether a fan or not, you should support your school’s team.
15. The beginning of the school program included many talented choirs.
16. The song about the mean little puppy made everyone laugh.


**Answer Key**

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