The Sentence is a group of words expressing a complete thought.
Every sentence has two *essential* parts:

- **Subject**: The *subject* of a sentence is the part about which something is being said.
  - *The flower* bloomed.
  - *Bob* painted.
  - *The girls on the team* were all good students.

- **Predicate**: The *predicate* of a sentence is the part which says something about the subject.
  - *Bill* told everyone about the wreck.
  - *Mary* sobbed.
  - *Sue* plays the piano well.
The *simple subject* is the main word in the complete subject.

The four new students arrived early.

*Simple subject*  students

The *complete subject* is the main word and all its modifiers.

*Complete subject*  The four new students

The *simple predicate*, or *verb*, is the main word or group of words in the complete predicate.

Sara’s sister took us bowling yesterday.

*Simple predicate*  took

The *complete predicate* is the verb and all its modifiers.

*Complete Predicate*  took us bowling yesterday