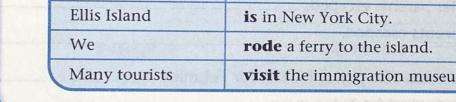
## Lesson 4: Simple Predicates

## LEARN

- The simple predicate is the most important word in the complete predicate. The simple predicate tells exactly what the subject does or is.
- Sometimes the predicate of a sentence is just one word. Then the simple predicate and the complete predicate are the same. Most of the time, however, the simple predicate is part of the complete predicate.

In the chart below, the simple predicates are shown in boldface.

Complete Subject	Complete Predicate
Everyone	read.
All of us	searched for information.
Our class	<b>planned</b> a trip to Ellis Island.
Ellis Island	is in New York City.
We	rode a ferry to the island.
Many tourists	visit the immigration museum.



## PRACTICE

- The complete predicate in each sentence is in boldface. Circle th simple predicate in the complete predicate. Write it on the line.
- 1. This small island is in New York Harbor.

2. Samuel Ellis owned the island at one time.

3. The federal government built a fort there in 1811.

4. The fort became an immigrant center in 1892.

5. Immigrants went there for inspections.

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## PRACTICE A continued

6. The government used the center for 62 years.	used
7. Ellis Island closed officially in November 1954.	closed
8. A new project began in 1984.	began
9. The Island reopened as a museum.	reopened
10. Over a million people visit the museum each year.	visit
Underline the complete predicate in each sentence. Then circle the simple predicate, and write it on the line.	
1. Huge numbers of immigrants came to New York City.	came
2. About eight million entered the city from 1855 to 1890.	entered
3. Many groups arrived at Ellis Island.	arrived
4. Most people left poor conditions back home.	left
5. The newcomers wanted better lives in America.	wanted
<b>6.</b> Some immigrants brought family members with them.	brought
7. Others traveled by themselves.	traveled
8. Many immigrants crossed the ocean by steamship.	crossed
9. The ships docked at the piers.	docked
10. Doctors examined the immigrants for illnesses.	examined
11. Inspectors requested the proper papers.	requested
12. Some passengers got special treatment.	got
13. Officials checked them aboard the ships.	checked
14. The inspections lasted for hours.	lasted
15. Most immigrants passed inspection.	passed

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My mother and I	cried with happiness	Our long
voyagewas	over at last	MILIERZIAN ZEREBRANDE
A small ferry	took us to Ellis Island	
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An underground tra	in <u>carried</u> us to my ur	ncle's apartment
He showed us our	new home . Our	new life in
America is beginning a	t last!	





Sometimes two related sentences have the same subject.

Mom studied history. Mom shared what she knew.

When this happens you can combine the predicates and form one sentence. Use the word and to join the predicates. Combining the sentences in this way will make your writing smoother.

Mom studied history and shared what she knew.

D	Each pair of sentences below has the same subject. Combine the sentences by joining the predicates.
1.	The United States changed and grew.  The United States changed and grew.
2.	Millions of immigrants left Europe. Millions of immigrants came here.  Millions of immigrants left Europe and came here.
3.	A father often came first. A father sent for his family later.  A father often came first and sent for his family later.
4.	The immigrants usually lived in big cities. The immigrants worked in jobs there.  The immigrants usually lived in big cities and worked in jobs there.
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5.	New York City had the most immigrants. New York City became the largest city.  New York City had the most immigrants and became the largest city.
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Go back to the sentences you wrote.
Underline the predicates you combined.
Circle the word that joins them.