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A predicate is a sentence or clause that modifies a subject. A predicate can either be a verb or a verb phrase plus any other modifier. If a predicate contains only a verb or a verb phrase, it's known as a simple predicate. If it contains either a verb or a verb phrase plus any other modifier, it is known as a complete predicate. To identify a predicate in a sentence is very simple since you only need to find out what the subject does or what the subject is.

PREDICATE EXAMPLES

John walked faster than James.

In this sentence, "walked faster than James" is the predicate.

Joan recited a poem to her classmates.

Here "recited a poem to her classmates" is the predicate.

