

Read and Discover

Compound Subjects and Compound Predicates

Lesson 3

___ Clocks and calendars are very important in modern life.

___ They wake us up, measure our working hours, and inform us of holidays.

Write *S* next to the sentence with two or more simple subjects. Write *P* next to the sentence with two or more simple predicates.

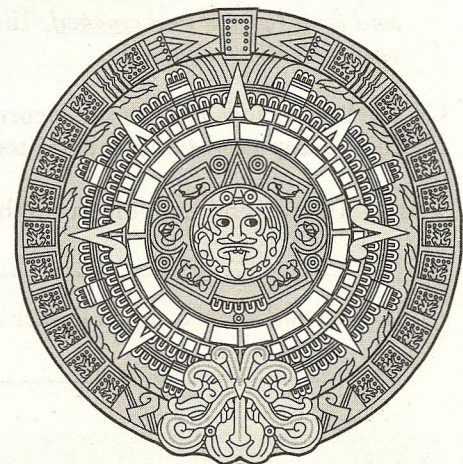
A **compound subject** is two or more subjects joined by a conjunction (*and*, *or*).
A **compound predicate** is two or more verbs joined by a conjunction.

See Handbook Sections 11, 12

Part 1

Each sentence below has either a compound subject or a compound predicate. If a sentence has a compound subject, circle the two or more nouns that are the simple subjects. If a sentence has a compound predicate, underline the two or more verbs that are the simple predicates.

1. The concept of time fascinates and perplexes humans.
2. Prehistoric men and women probably saw time as a circle.
3. These early people observed and noted regular changes in the sky.
4. The sun rose and set every day.
5. Spring, summer, fall, and winter occurred in the same sequence over and over.
6. People in several regions studied and recorded these yearly cycles.
7. The Sumerians, Mayas, and Chinese invented calendars independently.
8. Calendar-makers carved marks in stone or tied knots in string.
9. These early calendars predicted the times for harvests and indicated the days for festivals.
10. The sun and stars seem to change their position in the sky over the course of a year.
11. The moon moves across the sky and seems to change shape.
12. Ancient peoples observed and celebrated these celestial events.
13. Many ancient temples and monuments face the dawn or the North Star.
14. The sun's yearly cycle and the cycle of the moon are out of step with each other.
15. This confused most ancient astronomers and caused inaccuracies in some calendars.
16. Modern astronomers and physicists occasionally add leap seconds to a year for greater accuracy.



This calendar stone shows the days of the Aztec month.