



Construction of simple sentences

CAPS: Grade 4, Term 3

Language Structure & Conventions

Constructs simple sentences using subject, verb, object,
e.g. 'Bongi/reads/her book'

Note

In a simple sentence, the subject is a noun or pronoun doing the action.

The object is a noun or pronoun receiving the action.

The action, as you know, is called the verb.

To find the object of a sentence, find the subject and the verb first. Say them out loud and ask the question "whom?" or "what?" following the subject and verb.

Example

subject

verb

[Themba] **[cleans]** his bicycle.

Themba cleans what? **[his bicycle]** ← object



Activity 1

Underline the object in each sentence. The first one has been done for you.

① Sipho scrubs the floor.

④ Jabu collects the water.

② Nali reads the book.

⑤ Benji cleans his room.

③ Cedrick holds his bag.

⑥ Selo rakes the leaves.

Teacher Tip

Make a few SUBJECT flashcards, some VERB flashcards, and some OBJECT flashcards. Allow pupils to practise constructing simple sentences using these flashcards. An important note that pupils must remember: if a subject is singular, the verb – in present simple tense – has an 's' at the end of it; if it is plural – no 's' (the infinitive form of the verb). E.g. Leigh writes a story. Leigh and Cate write stories.

