

CHAPTER-I

Subject and Predicate

Study the following sentences :

A

1. Dogs
2. Girls
3. Truth
4. India

B

- are barking.
- are singing.
- is ever green.
- is our country.



It may be seen that every one of the above sentences has two parts 'A', that is about which something has been said and 'B' what has been said about that thing. That about which something is said is called the 'Subject' and what is said about the subject is called 'Predicate'. In the above sentences Dogs, Girls, Truth, India are the subjects while – are barking – are singing – is ever green – is our country are the predicates. These are two essential parts of a sentence. There can be no subject without a predicate and no predicate without a subject.

EXERCISE-III

(a) Have a look at the following sentences and divide them into subject and predicate:

1. Lions roar.
2. Boys play.
3. The baby is crying.
4. The bell has rung.
5. The cock is crowing.
6. The train has left.
7. The teacher is teaching.
8. You are laughing.

(b) Match the 'Subject' and the 'Predicate' in the following table so as to make complete sense :

Subject	Predicate
1. The musician	are chirping
2. The speaker	rises in the east.
3. The birds	punished the students.
4. The fire	has steamed off.
5. The lightning	is round.
6. The stars	twinkle.
7. The sun	is burning.
8. The earth	is addressing the audience.
9. The teacher	is singing.
10. The train	flashes.