

1: INTRODUCTION

SUBJECT + VERB

The simplest English sentences are made of one word which is a **VERB** (sometimes called the **BARE PREDICATE**).

Stop! Go! Run! Look! Help!

However, every English sentence needs both a **SUBJECT** and a **VERB** so really there are two words in the above sentences but the **SUBJECT** is not usually spoken. It is understood (not written or spoken). Subjects that are understood and not spoken can be shown inside boxes.

You Stop! **You** Go! **You** Run! **You** Look! **You** Help!

The **SUBJECT** 'You' in English can be **singular** or **plural** so it can refer to one person or several people. Below is a chart showing how **SUBJECTS** work with **VERBS**. The listed **SUBJECTS** are called **PRONOUNS** which are substitutes for **NOUNS**. The chart is used for conjugating verbs in different tenses such as **past**, **present** and **future**. This is especially helpful when learning French verbs. To **conjugate** means to **join together** the **VERB** with the **SUBJECT**.

PERSON	SINGULAR SUBJECTS	VERBS (Present Tense)	PLURAL SUBJECTS	VERBS (Present Tense)
First Person	I	stop / go / run / look / help	We	stop / go / run / look / help
Second Person	You	stop / go / run / look / help	You	stop / go / run / look / help
Third	He / She / It	stops / goes / runs / looks / helps	They	stop / go / run / look / help

PERSON	SINGULAR SUBJECTS	VERBS (Past Tense)	PLURAL SUBJECTS	VERBS (Past Tense)
First Person	I	stopped / went / ran / looked / helped	We	stopped / went / ran / looked / helped
Second Person	You	stopped / went / ran / looked / helped	You	stopped / went / ran / looked / helped
Third Person	He / She / It	stopped / went / ran / looked / helped	They	stopped / went / ran / looked / helped

PERSON	SINGULAR SUBJECTS	VERBS (Future Tense)	PLURAL SUBJECTS	VERBS (Future Tense)
First Person	I	will stop / will go / will run / will look / will help	We	will stop / will go / will run / will look / will help
Second Person	You	will stop / will go / will run / will look / will help	You	will stop / will go / will run / will look / will help
Third Person	He / She / It	will stop / will go / will run / will look / will help	They	will stop / will go / will run / will look / will help

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