

The Sentence Core Exercise

Directions: See if you can identify the subject and inflected verb in each of the sentences below. For each sentence, underline the subject. Then circle the inflected verb. When you are finished, check your responses with the answer key on the next page.

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5.) *I left the play early.*

6.) *Sara began to plan her summer vacation in December.*

7.) *The lacrosse match was postponed because of rain.*

Answer Key (Subjects are underlined; inflected verbs are **bold-faced**.)

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