



# Simple Predicates



The **simple predicate**, or verb, is the main word or words in the complete predicate.

**A.** Underline the complete predicate. Write the simple predicate in the blank.

- 1. About 200 kinds of woodpeckers exist today. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Many woodpeckers are found in North America. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. One kind of woodpecker lived in southern forests. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. People have cut the trees in those areas. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. The ivory-billed woodpecker has become extinct. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Many woodpeckers have red crests on their heads. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. The woodpecker's beak has a point like a chisel. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. It can make holes in decayed wood. \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. A woodpecker's call is a series of sharp notes. \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. This sound announces the bird's presence. \_\_\_\_\_

**B.** Rewrite each of the sentences with a different simple predicate.

- 11. Woodpeckers drill holes in trees.  
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- 12. I spotted one today.  
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- 13. You can hear woodpeckers at work in the forest.  
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- 14. Woodpeckers make nests in holes in the trees.  
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- 15. A female woodpecker hatches two to eight white eggs.  
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**WRITE IT**

On separate paper, write sentences about the birds you see everyday. Use simple predicates that express action clearly.