



Do you remember
that the noun and the verb
are the two main parts of speech?
Well, now we see these two in a new way.

In a sentence the noun or its pronoun
becomes the basis of the subject, and
the verb becomes the basis of the predicate.

SUBJECT

Carlos
Angelena
The old priory
The blue cab
The water supply
The canal
His countenance
The blue sky

PREDICATE

is the owner of the shop.
walked down Main Street.
is a huge building.
stopped at the corner
comes from the mountain.
was good for commerce.
seemed grim and tragic.
looked serene.

Notice that the verb is always in the predicate.

We call the verb the *simple predicate*.

The *complete predicate* is the verb and all
other words that talk about the subject.

When we say *predicate*, we usually will mean
simple predicate—the verb.