

## Activity #7: Making Ends Meet

### Objective 07: Sentence Structure



This activity provides practice in combining subjects and predicates.

**Description:** Students pair subjects and predicates to create complete sentences.

#### ► Directions

1. Divide the class into two teams: the “subjects” and the “predicates.”
2. Give each student a sentence strip containing either a subject or a predicate, as seen on the next page. Sentences may relate to any content area or story being studied.
3. Have the two groups line up facing each other and holding their strips so that they are visible to the other group.
4. On a signal, have students from the “subjects” group find someone from the “predicates” group with whom they can create sentences, sensible or silly!
  - All the children need food and water every day.
  - The animals in the zoo ate ice cream and cake at his party.
5. Have pairs of students share their sentences with the class for review.
6. Have students make new subject and predicate strips for the next round of the game.

**Variation:** Impose a time limit. Students must find their “other half” within 10 seconds.

**Variation:** Give each pair of students one half of a sentence only. Pairs write subjects or predicates to create complete sentences.

**Variation:** After the matching activity, have pairs of students, holding their sentences, arrange themselves to make a readable story. (This variation addresses Objective 08: Writing Strategies.)

Yesterday was Jason’s birthday.

We ate ice cream and cake at his party.

All the children watched the keepers feed the elephants.

The animals in the zoo need food and water every day.

**Subject Strips:**

**Predicate Strips:**

Yesterday	was Jason's birthday.
We	ate ice cream and cake at his party.
All the children	watched the keepers feed the elephants.
The animals in the zoo	need food and water every day.
The students in Mrs. Johnson's class	sang beautifully.
Sanford, Melanie, Jose, Cassandra, and LaMont	rode their bikes all the way from school to Jose's house.

