

Simple and Compound Subjects and Predicates

Decide whether the underlined group of words is a simple subject, simple predicate, compound subject, or compound predicate. Mark your answer on the answer sheet.

1. The Pony Express began on April 3, 1860.
A simple subject B simple predicate C compound subject D compound predicate
2. The service carried mail between Saint Joseph, Missouri, and Sacramento, California.
A simple subject B simple predicate C compound subject D compound predicate
3. Mail and news could take three weeks to reach people on the West Coast.
A simple subject B simple predicate C compound subject D compound predicate
4. The Pony Express delivered in eight to ten days.
A simple subject B simple predicate C compound subject D compound predicate
5. The workers rode horses and delivered mail.
A simple subject B simple predicate C compound subject D compound predicate
6. Riders and horses completed their route after about one hundred miles.
A simple subject B simple predicate C compound subject D compound predicate
7. Then a new rider and horse would take the mail and continue on.
A simple subject B simple predicate C compound subject D compound predicate
8. Approximately 180 men rode for the Pony Express.
A simple subject B simple predicate C compound subject D compound predicate
9. One famous Pony Express rider was Buffalo Bill.
A simple subject B simple predicate C compound subject D compound predicate
10. President Abraham Lincoln's Inaugural Address was delivered by the service.
A simple subject B simple predicate C compound subject D compound predicate
11. William Russell, Alexander Majors, and William Waddell were the founders.
A simple subject B simple predicate C compound subject D compound predicate
12. The Pony Express failed and went bankrupt in October 1861.
A simple subject B simple predicate C compound subject D compound predicate
13. The telegraph ended the need for the Pony Express.
A simple subject B simple predicate C compound subject D compound predicate
14. Riders and horses were retired.
A simple subject B simple predicate C compound subject D compound predicate
15. But the legend of the Pony Express survived and became a part of history.
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