**SUBJECTS AND VERBS**

A sentence in English must have at least **one subject and one verb**. The first thing you should do as you read a sentence in the Structure section of the TOEFL test is to find the subject and the verb.

**EXERCISE 1**

Underline the subjects once and the verbs twice in each of the following sentences. Then indicate if the sentences are correct (C) or incorrect ( I ).

1. My best friend always helpful with problems. ( I )

   ***Analysis:***

    The subject of the sentence above is **My best friend**, but there is no Verb. So, incorrect.
    The correct sentence should be **My best friend is** always helpful and with problems.

2. The bus schedule has changed since last week. (C)

    Analysis:

    The subject is **The bus** and verb is **has changed**, so the sentence is Correct.

3. Accidentally dropped the glass on the floor. ( I )

    Analysis:

   The sentence doesn’t have a Subject. The verb is **dropped**, so it is incorrect.
   The correct sentence should be Accidentally **she or he dropped** the glass on the floor.

4. The customer paying the clerk for the clothes. (I)

    Analysis:

    The sentence doesn’t have to be,**is**. So incorrect
    It should be **The customer is paying**the clerk for the clothes.

5. The professor handed the syllabus to the students. (C)

    Analysis:

    The sentence has subject, **the professor** and verb, **handed**. So it is correct

6. Each day practiced the piano for hours. (I)

    Analysis:

     The sentence doesn’t have subject. The verb is **practiced**. So incorrect.
     It should be Each day **they practiced** the piano for hours.

7. The basketball player tossed the ball into the hoop. (C)

    ***Analysis:***

    The sentence has subject, **The basket ball player** and verb, **tossed**. So it is correct

8. The new student in the class very talkative and friendly. (I)

    ***Analysis:***

    The sentence has subject, **The new student**, but no verb. So incorrect.
    The correct sentence can be **The new student** in the class **is** very talkative and friendly.

9. Walking with the children to school.(I)

***Analysis:***

    The sentence doesn’t have a Subject. It has main verb, **walking** but without tobe. So incorrect.
    The correct sentence could be **She/he is walking** with the children to school

10. The whales headed south for the winter. (C)

     ***Analysis:***

     The sentence has a subject, **the whales** and verb, **headed**. So, it correct