

MATTER

VI. The Predicate is that part of the sentence which tells what is thought of the object named by the subject.

VII. A sentence is a group of words by means of which we express a thought.

METHOD

Having done so well, you may now try to tell me what you think the predicate is. If there be hesitation you could ask :

Is it the whole of the sentence, or is it a part of the sentence ? It is only a part.

What does this part do ? It tells us what is thought about the object named by the subject.

Now put these two ideas together and tell me what you think the predicate of a sentence is. The predicate of a sentence is that part which tells what is thought about the object named by the subject.

To review, a sentence consists of how many parts ? Of two parts.

Name those parts. The subject and the predicate.

What is the subject of a sentence ? It is that part which names what is thought about.

And the predicate ? Is that part which names what is thought about the object named by the subject.

Clearly, what must we have before we can have a subject ? We must have a thought about something.

And how can I know whether you have any thought about anything or not ? You can know only when I express it.

And what do you use to express your thought ? We use words.

But what name do you give to that group of words by means of which you express your thought ? The group of