

# Lesson 6.1 Complete Subjects and Predicates

## **EXERCISE 1 Recognizing Subjects and Predicates**

Read each sentence. Draw a line between the complete subject and the complete predicate.

#### **EXAMPLE** Children of all ageslenjoy soccer.

- **1.** The rules of soccer are very simple.
- 2. Soccer teams consist of eleven players.
- **3.** A game has two halves of forty-five minutes each.
- **4.** A normal soccer field is 100 yards long and 60 yards wide.
- **5.** The referee starts play by blowing a whistle.
- **6.** Only goalkeepers may intentionally touch the ball with their hands.
- **7.** The goalkeeper, or goalie, wears a shirt of a different color.
- **8.** Many skilled players direct the ball with their heads.
- **9.** Top soccer-playing countries compete for the World Cup.
- **10.** Americans' interest in soccer has grown tremendously in recent years.

## **EXERCISE 2 Identifying Subjects and Predicates**

Underline the complete subjects in the sentences below once. Underline the complete predicates twice.

### **EXAMPLE** Soccer's roots began in ancient China.

- **1.** Chinese soldiers played tsu chu, a kicking game.
- 2. Elaborate games of tsu chu took place on the emperor's birthday.
- **3.** Many early Chinese soccer balls were filled with feathers.
- **4.** England is the birthplace of the modern game of soccer.
- **5.** Early matches were played in the streets, not on fields.
- **6.** Some teams consisted of more than 100 players.
- **7.** Games often caused injuries to fans and spectators.
- **8.** The King of England banned soccer during the Middle Ages.
- **9.** People played soccer-related games despite the ban.
- 10. Scotland and England competed in the first international match in 1872.