

Faulty Predication

WHAT???

It's like this

Sentences are made up of subjects and predicates. The predicate contains the verb and any objects of the verb.

Jill *hates scary movies and rude dates.*

 predicate

It's important that the subject and predicate go together, but when they don't, we call that *faulty predication*.

Here are some examples of faulty predication.

Wrong: The reason for the class was designed to improve math skills.

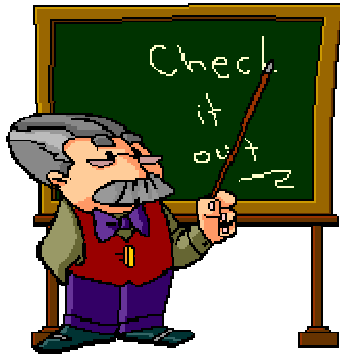
(The "reason" was not designed. "The class" was designed.)

Corrected: The reason for the class is to improve math skills.

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Wrong: The other person who took the class with Jim was his best friend back in high school was Tyler.

This sentence has the phrase "his best friend" functioning as both an object **and** as a subject.



"His best friend" is the **object** of "The other person."

The other person ... was his best friend back in high school.

However, "his best friend" also functions as a subject:

His best friend back in high school was Tyler.

As a result, this sentence doesn't make any sense!!

Corrected: The other person who took the class with Jim was Tyler, his best friend back in high school.



Most cases of faulty predication can be detected by ear. In other words, reading your work aloud will help you to find these errors.