EXERCISE 12-1

Subjects and Predicates: Identifying and Comparing (12a-1)

Put a vertical line between the subject and predicate in each of the following sentences. All the words that help identify the subject are part of the subject. Then for each sentence, on separate paper or on a computer, compose a sentence that follows the pattern of that sentence. Separate the subject and predicate with a vertical line.

Example: Dairy cows and beef cattle/graze along our highways.

White oaks and red oaks/grow side by side in our forests.

1. The most common dairy cow in the United States is the Holstein.
2. About 70 percent of the dairy cattle in this country are Holsteins.
3. You have probably seen these large black-and-white cows grazing beside the highway.
4. The origin of this breed of cattle is Northern Europe, specifically Friesland.
5. They were later raised also in Holstein, an area of Germany.
6. Dutch settlers probably brought the first Holstein cattle to the United States in the early 1600s.
7. Somewhat smaller than Holsteins, Guernseys are a light brown, almost golden, with white markings.
8. These dairy cattle were developed on the Isle of Guernsey in the English Channel and did not arrive in the United States until the early 1800s.
9. Jersey, another island in the English Channel, is the namesake of the Jersey cow.

10. The Jerseys probably migrated to that island across a land bridge from Europe.

11. Jersey cows are fawn-colored and have an interesting muzzle: black encircled by a light ring.

12. These three breeds—Holsteins, Guernseys, and Jerseys—make up most of the milk-producing cattle in the United States.

13. Their ability to produce large quantities of milk makes them popular with dairy producers.