

## D is for Dandelion

### Assignment 19

- **Reading.** Students will be reading the ballads “The Bailiff’s Daughter of Islington” and “Lady Elsbeth” and answer questions on both. On the right is a picture of the famous collector of ballads, Francis James Child.
- **Audio of Ballads.** To reinforce your child’s understanding of ballads, listen to **several ballads that I have posted online**. Basically, a ballad is a story poem composed of four-line stanzas.
- **Handwriting.** Complete Lesson 19 of the D is for Dandelion handwriting book.
- **Poetics.** Memorize stanzas 1–5 of “The Stranger on the Sill.”
- **Speech Night.** Write a narrative of an experience that you had recently. You can choose any of the topics that we have discussed in class. It will be due the last week in February.
- **Dictation.**



This week students will learn about simple subjects. A simple subject is contained within the complete subject and is the word that controls the verb. In the sentence “His old dog is still active,” the complete subject is *His old dog* and the simple subject is *dog*. In each of the dictation sentences, students should underline the complete subject once and the simple subject twice.

#### EXERCISE A

1. Many people babble, but his daughter does not.
2. You should gargle with a little salt water. (*You* is both the complete subject and simple subject.)
3. The candle apprentice traveled to London.
4. The mother cuddled her boys and called them her jewels.
5. Three people wearing purple came to the desk.

#### EXERCISE B

1. The steeple was built in 1765.
2. The lady in the purple dress had a gem in her hat.
3. The handle on the paddle was smooth.
4. They were filled with grief when the innocent man died. (*They* is both the complete subject and simple subject.)
5. His interest fizzled and he did not fulfill his duty.

### Long-Term Assignment

Write a narrative of a recent experience. You can choose any of the topics that we have discussed in class. The essay will be due the last week in February. The narrative should be about one page more or less and should relate the experience chronologically—in order of time. You will be memorizing it and delivering it on Speech Day (date to be announced).