

19.2 Hard-to-Find Subjects • Practice 1

Subjects in Orders and Directions In sentences that give orders or directions, the subject is understood to be *you*. Notice that this is true even when a person is addressed by name.

Orders or Directions	With Subjects Added
After dinner, please wash the dishes.	After dinner, (you) please wash the dishes.
Just put the box over there.	(You) just put the box over there.
Andy, pass in your paper.	Andy, (you) pass in your paper.

Subjects in Inverted Sentences In questions, the subject often follows the verb. To find the subject, mentally rephrase the question.

Question	Rephrased as Statement
Did the <u>bus</u> <u>leave</u> ?	The <u>bus</u> <u>did leave</u> .

The subject of a sentence is never *there* or *here*. Like inverted questions, such sentences can usually be rephrased as statements to find the subject.

Sentence Beginning with <i>There</i> or <i>Here</i>	Rephrased with Subject First
There <u>is</u> the lost <u>puppy</u> .	The lost <u>puppy</u> <u>is</u> there.

In some sentences the subject is placed after the verb in order to receive greater emphasis. Such sentences can be mentally rephrased in normal subject-verb order to find the subject.

Inverted Word Order	Rephrased in Subject-Verb Order
Outside the door <u>was</u> a <u>package</u> .	A <u>package</u> <u>was</u> outside the door.

Exercise 1 Finding Subjects in Orders or Directions. Write the subject of each sentence in the blank at the right. Put a caret (^) where the subject belongs in the sentence.

EXAMPLE: Simon, take this note to the office. (you)

1. After the third traffic light, turn right. _____
2. Erica, let me see your needlepoint. _____
3. Remember to feed the cat. _____
4. Tonight, read the first two chapters of *Moby Dick*. _____
5. Jodi, remind me to bring my camera. _____

Exercise 2 Finding Subjects in Inverted Sentences. Underline the subject in each sentence.

EXAMPLE: Here is your essay.

1. Into the burning building rushed the firefighters.
2. How can we ever find our way out of here?
3. Somewhere between the two extremes lies the best solution.
4. There are two errors in this report.
5. Beyond the stream bloomed a multitude of wildflowers.