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Example: I parked the car. [parked functions as a conventional verb]

Example: Parking is difficult. [parking functions as a noun and the subject of the verb is

Example: The driver crashed into a parked car. [parked functions as an adjective, modifying the noun] car

EXERCISE on Identifying Verbs

Subjects

Every sentence has a subject which is what the sentence is about. Without a subject, a sentence is usually incomplete—a fragment and it's likely going to be unclear.

2. When I work in groups, I talk incessantly.

- A. incessantly is the verb; groups is the subject of incessantly
- B. work is the verb; talk is the subject of work
- C. work and talk are the verbs; I is the subject of work and talk

3. My untrained dog piddles in the house and barks loudly, but my friend's poodle is house trained and never barks.

- A. untrained is the verb; dog and poodle are the subjects of never
- B. dog is the subject of the verbs piddles and barks; poodle is the subject of the verbs is and barks
- C. house, poodle and dog are subjects; untrained and loudly are verbs

4. Although I usually don't eat sweets, tonight I gorged on chocolate bars, brownies, and butterscotch pudding.

- A. I is the subject of the verbs eat and gorged
- B. Chocolate bars, brownies, and butterscotch pudding are the subjects; is the verb
- C. There is only one verb in this sentence: eat

5. During the summer, Irfan and Marcha traveled to Trinidad, but Julie and Stashanna stayed at home.

- A. summer is the subject; traveled is the verb
- B. Irfan and

B. Using is a verb functioning as a noun and as the subject of the ~~with help~~

C. thesaurus and you are subjects, precision and help are verbs

10. My favorite part of speech is the verb; my mother's favorite part of speech is the adjective.

A. My and speech are subjects, verb and part are verbs

B. part and verb are subjects, speech is a verb

C. part is the subject; is is a verb

EXERCISE on More Subjects & Verbs

Directions In the space below each sentence, identify subjects and verbs. There might be more than one subject and verb in each ~~sentence~~.

Example: I snuggle with my puppy.

Verb: snuggle Subject: I

1. I drove my car too fast.

Verb(s): _____

Subject(s): _____

2. She is pretty.

Verb(s): _____

Subject(s): _____

3. Spencer studies every night, even when he is exhausted.

Verb(s): _____

Subject(s): _____

4. Arguing in front of children causes them a great deal of pain.

Verb(s): _____

Subject(s): _____

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EXERCISE on Identifying Prepositions

1. Which list contains prepositions only? Circle the letter that corresponds to your choice.

- (a) with, for, by, near, under, to, toss, slowly, uncle
- (b) at, before, of, until, over, past, throughout, during

2. Identify at least one word that is NOT a preposition in a or b. _____

3. Which list contains prepositions only? Circle the letter that corresponds to your choice.

- (a) ahead, during, off, prior, upon, through, along, toward, at
- (b) across, like, press, inside, down, against, solemn, potato, door

4. Identify at least one word that is not a preposition in a or b. _____

5. Using the preposition table at the beginning of this section and your knowledge of parts of sentences (nouns, verbs, adjectives, etc.), create a list of five words like those in questions 1 and 3. Some of the words should be prepositions, but some shouldn't.

- A. _____
- B. _____
- C. _____
- D. _____
- E. _____

F. Identify at least one word from 5 ~~A~~ that is NOT a preposition. _____

6. Is a prepositional phrase ever going to ~~be~~ the subject of a sentence? _____

7. A prepositional phrase has two main parts: _____ and _____

8. The object of a preposition is usually a _____ or a _____

9. In the space provided, write the words that are NOT of the prepositional phrases.

- A. snow on the ground _____
- B. soaring high above the earth _____
- C. drove with Owen and Anna _____
- D. played near the pear tree _____

10. Write a sentence that begins with a prepositional phrase.

10. The brutal nurse stuck the needle into the wrong vein, so blood flowed from my arm while she again jabbed the needle beneath my skin.

Verb(s): _____

Subject(s): _____

EXERCISE on Identifying Subjects, Verbs, & Prepositions

Directions: Circle the letter that corresponds to the best answer.

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B. lead is a verb

9. I get by with a little help from my friends.

A. I is the subject of the sentence

B. my friends is the subject of the sentence

10. After skiing, my girlfriend and I sip hot chocolate near the fire.

A. fire is the subject of the sentence

B. my girlfriend and I are the subjects of the sentence