

SUBJECTS IN UNUSUAL POSITIONS

Grammar for Writing Workbook, pp. 37-39
9th Grade

Homework Review



- Any questions from the grammar homework (pgs. 35-36)?

Warm-Up

- In most sentences, the subject comes before the verb.
 - Snowball ran away.
- In inverted sentences, the subject comes before the verb or in the middle of the verb phrase:
 - Where did Snowball run?
 - There are many animals on the farm.
- On a separate sheet of paper, **copy the following sentences**. Underline the simple subject, and double underline the verb or verb phrase.
 1. Here is the book you wanted to read.
 2. There was a big fire here last year.
 3. Where is my cell phone?

Answers



1. Here is the homework.
2. There was a big fire here last year.
3. Where is my cell phone?

Why Grammar?

- 9th Grade Content standards:
 - Written and Oral English Language Conventions: *Grammar and Mechanics of Writing*
 - 1.1 Identify and correctly use clauses (e.g., main and subordinate), phrases (e.g., gerund, infinitive, and participial), and mechanics of punctuation (e.g., semicolons, colons, ellipses, hyphens).
 - 1.2 Understand sentence construction (e.g., parallel structure, subordination, proper placement of modifiers) and proper English usage (e.g., consistency of verb tenses).
 - 1.3 Demonstrate an understanding of proper English usage and control of grammar, paragraph and sentence structure, diction, and syntax.
- CSTs
 - 17% of the English Language Arts test measures your knowledge of the Written and Oral English Language Convention standards
- MACHS-SJS-FPA School Performance
 - 0% of FPA 9th-graders scored Advanced in the area of grammar on the Periodic Assessments; 3% scored Proficient
 - 2% of FPA 10th-graders scored Advanced in the area of grammar on the Periodic Assessments; 10% scored Proficient

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Inverted Sentence



- In an **inverted sentence**, the subject comes after the verb or part of the verb phrase.
 - ▣ Into the room walked Tony.
- Sometimes the words “here” or “there” come before the subject or the verb.
 - ▣ Here are the books from the list.

Questions



- In a **question**, the subject usually comes after the verb or inside the verb phrase.
 - Is your phone working properly?

Imperative Sentences

- In an **imperative sentence**, the subject is usually you. Often, you is not stated; it's understood.
 - ▣ Take your feet off the table.
 - (You) take your feet off the table.
 - ▣ Turn off your cell phone.
 - (You) turn off your cell phone.
 - ▣ Eat your vegetables.
 - (You) eat your vegetables.

Practice



With your table partner, complete the following exercises in your *Grammar for Writing Workbooks*

- p. 37, #1-6
 - ▣ 8 minutes
- p. 38
 - ▣ Section A, #1-2
 - ▣ Section B, #1-2
 - ▣ 5 minutes
- *These pages will be homework, so if you finish early, just move forward with the questions.

Homework



- Complete all exercises on **pgs. 37-38**, and complete **Section A on pg. 39**

Transitioning to *Animal Farm*

- Pass your grammar homework inward toward the middle aisle.
- Take out your rough draft of your Revolutionary Song.
- I will be partnering you up to do peer review on your songs.
- If you did not complete your Revolutionary Song, then you should be working on it now.