

SUBJECTS IN UNUSUAL POSITIONS

In most sentences the subject appears before the verb. In many sentences, however, this order is reversed.

Questions. In most questions beginning with interrogative words such as **where, when, why, how, how much**, the subject falls between verb parts.

ex. How does he look? Why is she going?
Why are they going? When will it begin?

In questions beginning with **who** or **what**, the verb may follow the subject.

ex. Who saw it? What is going on?

Sentences Beginning with There and Here. Subject usually follows the verb.

ex. There is the Smith's house.
Here is your jacket.

Sentences in Inverted Order. For emphasis or variety of style, the subject is sometimes placed after the verb.

ex. Strolling down the busy street was Uncle Joe.
Behind the house stood the garage.

Underline the verb and circle the subject in each sentence.

Example: By the road stood an old man.

1. What happened to your car?
2. From Virginia have come many of our presidents.
3. Here are your gloves.
4. What are you doing on New Year's Eve?
5. There is the best passer on the team.
6. How much does a cup of coffee cost at the restaurant?
7. At the top of the stairs stood Aunt Martha.
8. From the little girl came a drawn out sigh.
9. There are many obstacles in our path.
10. When will you be coming to Chicago?
11. From the playpen came the cries of my little nephew.
12. Where is Cliff going on his vacation?
13. Driving cautiously down the street was my Uncle Craig.
14. Among the hospital visitors was Mrs. Todd.
15. Where did Helen put the tickets?
16. Walking rapidly toward me was the principal.
17. Here is a picture of Chris Evert.
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