

PRACTICE 18.4D Identifying Subjects in Sentences Inverted for Emphasis

Read the sentences. Write the subject of each sentence.

EXAMPLE From deep in the trench came the squeals of a puppy.

ANSWER squeals

1. Next to the old firehouse is a French bakery.
2. On the top of the building sits an elegant dome.
3. Alongside the elderly lady were two young girls with backpacks.
4. Off the bench sprang an eager backup quarterback.
5. In the middle of the courtyard stood a huge decorative water fountain.
6. All over the floor lay old photographs from the albums.
7. On that hill once stood a small chapel.
8. Not far from the lake was an old abandoned house.
9. Out of the shadows stepped a dark figure.
10. In a tiny cottage deep in the woods lived a mysterious old man.

Practice A Rearranging Sentences with Inverted Word Order and Identifying the subject.

Read the inverted sentences. Then, rewrite the sentences so that the subject comes first.

Example: In the middle of the night came the storm.

Answer: The storm came in the middle of the night.

1. From out of nowhere came a red pickup truck.
2. Standing on the mantel was her trophy.
3. Along the fence ran the flock of chickens.
4. From the other end of the hallway came her friend's voice.
5. Strolling up the driveway was our long-lost cat.

Practice B Identifying Subjects

Read the following sentences. Then, write the subject of each sentence on the line provided.

Example: Digging through the trash can was a raccoon.

Answer: raccoon

1. Circling high in the sky above us were three turkey vultures.
2. From far away came a distressed cry.
3. A long way from town was an abandoned shoe factory.
4. Staring at me from under the table was my escaped hamster.
5. Behind my dresser were all the lost socks.
6. Crouching in the far corner of our tent was the frightened skunk.
7. Under the heavy book lay the picture of me at summer camp.
8. A long way down the road was a line of three buses.
9. Leaping from the swing in the backyard was my younger brother.
10. Up in the tree was my cousin's wailing cat.