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**Hard-to-Find Subjects (in Sentences Beginning with *There* or *Here*, in Sentences Inverted for Emphasis)**

**• Practice 1**

**Subjects in Sentences Beginning with *There* or *Here*** 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.

Sentences Beginning with <i>There</i> or <i>Here</i>	Reworded with Subjects First
There <u>goes</u> my best <u>friend</u> .	My best <u>friend</u> <u>goes</u> there.
Here <u>is</u> your tennis <u>racquet</u> .	Your tennis <u>racquet</u> <u>is</u> here.

**Subjects in Sentences Inverted for Emphasis** 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
After the elephants came the <i>clowns</i> .	The <i>clowns</i> came after the elephants.
Beyond the river lay the <i>cliffs</i> .	The <i>cliffs</i> lay beyond the river.

**Exercise 1**

**Finding the Subject in Sentences Beginning with *There* or *Here*.** Underline the subject in each sentence below.

**EXAMPLE:** Here comes the circus parade.

1. There is the new mayor.
2. Here are the proofs from the photographer.
3. There has seldom been a more beautiful sunset.
4. There is little undeveloped land in this part of town.
5. Here comes the custodian with the keys.
6. There must be a better restaurant in town than this one.
7. Here is the newest book by my favorite author.
8. There is no doubt about the outcome.
9. There went our last chance at the championship.
10. Here comes the President's helicopter.

**Exercise 2**

**Finding the Subject in Inverted Sentences.** Underline the subject in each sentence below.

**EXAMPLE:** Over the mantel hangs a beautiful landscape.

1. Right before our eyes appeared a white rabbit.
2. Between the creek and the dirt road stretches a lush meadow.
3. Throughout the town flew rumors about the bank manager.
4. Outside my bedroom window blooms a beautiful lilac bush.
5. On the front page appeared a story about the student of the year.
6. Into the stadium filed the throng of eager fans.
7. Through these halls have passed generations of dedicated lawmakers.
8. In the center of the harbor stands the Statue of Liberty.
9. From every window streamed tons of ticker tape and confetti.
10. Along the cobblestone streets stood restored colonial houses.