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Hard-to-Find Subjects (in Orders and Directions, in Questions) • Practice 1

Subjects in Orders and Directions In sentences that give orders or directions, the subject is understood to be *you*.

Orders or Directions	With Understood Words Added
Return your library books immediately.	[You] return your library books immediately.
David, answer the door.	David, [you] answer the door.

Subjects in Questions In questions the subject often follows the verb. To find the subject in a question, mentally rephrase the question as a statement.

Questions	Reworded as Statements
Is <u>this</u> your address?	This <u>is</u> your address.
Can <u>we</u> eat now?	We <u>can</u> eat now.
Where <u>are</u> you <u>going</u> ?	You <u>are</u> <u>going</u> where.

Exercise 1 **Finding the Subject in Orders or Directions.** Write the subject of each sentence in the blank at the right. Put a caret (^) where the subject belongs in the sentence.

EXAMPLE: André, ^ please clear the table. you

1. A block past the First Bank, turn left. _____
2. Whatever the difficulties, do your best. _____
3. Please take out the trash. _____
4. Alison, don't forget your lunch. _____
5. Blacken in the grid with a soft pencil. _____
6. Derek, please give your mother a message. _____
7. Meet me at the library after school. _____
8. Mandy, please let me copy that recipe. _____
9. Before starting out, buckle your safety belt. _____
10. Help yourself, everyone. _____

Exercise 2 **Finding the Subject in Questions.** Underline the simple subject in each question below.

EXAMPLE: How much do these shoes cost?

1. Do you know the combination to this lock?
2. Have your parents given their permission for the class trip?
3. How is that casserole prepared?
4. What color did you paint the kitchen walls?
5. Did anyone bring directions to the farm?
6. Where are the Claytons going for the weekend?
7. Didn't Shakespeare write sonnets as well as plays?
8. Who brought the sandwiches?
9. Whom did Sue invite on the picnic?
10. Whose story should we believe?