

subject (s): the essential noun or pronoun of a sentence

Hard-To-Find-Subjects

Key Concept #1: In orders, directions, or commands, the subject is understood to be *you*. In class, we write this as (you).

Go to your room.

After the bell, take a handout on your way.

Jill, stop talking while I talk, please.

Carefully remove the tab from the lid.

Key Concept #2: In questions, the subject often follows the verb.

Where is the mall?

Do you know how to get to the mall?

Is this the way to the mall?

Key Concept #3: The subject of a sentence is almost never *here* or *there*.

There are my cousins.

Here is my backpack.

In North Carolina, there are many waterfalls.

The word *here* is never the subject.

Key Concept #4: The subject is placed after the verb in some sentences to add emphasis.

High on the cliff was an eagle.

Soon after the sound of the drums came the marchers.

