**Finding the Complete Subject and the Complete Predicate**

**EASY** (The complete subject is at the beginning of the sentence and is only a word or two.)

1. The dog ran down the hill.

2. The girls graduated with honors.

3. Maxwell ran for class president.

**DIFFICULT** (The complete subject is still at the beginning of the sentence, but it’s a lot longer!)

1. The little brown dog with white ears ran down the hill.

2. The girls in Bishop’s class of 2016 graduated with honors.

3. My friend’s younger brother, Maxwell, ran for class president.

**TRICKY** (The sentence is imperative and the subject is an implied “you.”)

1. Clean this room.

2. Have a nice day.

3. Please take these papers to the office.

**MORE TRICKY** (The sentence is a question, so you have to put the subject and verb in order.)

1. Did you go to the party?

2. Can we have our own party next time?

3. How many people have you invited to the party?

**Rewrite the sentences putting the subject and verb in order.**

**VERY TRICKY!!** (The sentence begins with a **prepositional phrase** or a **subordinate clause**. The subject is buried somewhere in all those words.)

1. Under the couch rolled the golden coin.

2. Into the woods ran the little children.

3. With incredible bravery, Laura took matters into her own hands.

4. While waiting for a chance to audition, I fell asleep.

5. Since midnight, we’ve been worrying!

6. Throughout the school yard ran scores of noisy, excited children.

7. Over the mountain appeared a giant monster

8. Ready to take the lead, Joanne moved ran down the center of the track.

9. Without thinking, Raymond grabbed the ball from my hands.

10. Whenever possible, I make dinner at home.

**On a separate sheet, rewrite the sentences putting the subject and verb in order.**

**MOST TRICKY OF ALL!!** (The sentence begins with a **participial or gerund phrase.)**

Sentences that begin with participial phrases are simply subject/verb order, but people get tricked into thinking the word ending with ***ing*** is the verb. GERUNDS ARE VERBS USED AS NOUNS!!

1. Jamming too much clothing into the washing machine, Aamir saved $1.25

2. Buttering toast with a fork, Bernard vowed that he would wash the dishes.

**On a separate sheet, rewrite the sentences putting the subject and verb in order.**

Sentences that begin with gerund phrases are out of order. You have to rewrite the sentence to put the subject and verb into order.

1. Buttering toast with a fork can be very annoying.

2. Eating ice cream on a hot day is very refreshing.

**On a separate sheet, rewrite the sentences putting the subject and verb in order.**