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**Lesson 11.6.4 Finding the Subject**

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**EXERCISE 1 Identifying Sentence Subjects**

Underline the subject or subjects in each sentence below. If the sentence is inverted, write *Inverted* on the line before the sentence. If the subject is understood to be *you*, write *You*.

**EXAMPLE**     You     Consider a career in space science.

    Inverted     Is science the right career for you?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ There are many mysteries and surprises in outer space.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ In each new mission is a chance to make incredible discoveries.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Listen to the latest news from the NASA spacecraft *Cassini*.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ There may be liquid water on Enceladus, one of Saturn's moons!
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Above the moon's surface are water vapor and ice particles.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Astronomers and physicists measure these vapors and particles.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Experts draw conclusions about their findings.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Beneath Enceladus's surface may exist misty caverns of water.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Is water one of the building blocks of life?
10. \_\_\_\_\_ Scientists and nonscientists alike wonder about life on other planets.

Remember that the subject of a sentence is never part of a prepositional phrase.

**Examples of prepositional phrases:**  
inside a cavern  
on the planet  
throughout our

**EXERCISE 2 Revising Sentences**

Rewrite each item so that it is not an inverted sentence.

**EXAMPLE** In the pages of mythology are the origins of many planetary names.

*The origins of many planetary names are in the pages of mythology.*

1. In ancient Roman myths appears the god Saturn.  
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2. Under Mount Etna in Sicily was buried a giant with a hundred arms.  
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3. Is Enceladus the name of this mythological giant?  
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4. In Greek and Roman tales were celebrated Saturn and Enceladus.  
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5. Between science and mythology exist connections.  
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