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Lesson 12.6.3 Finding the Subject

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EXERCISE 1 Identifying Sentence Subjects

Write the subject of each sentence on the line. If the subject in a command or request is understood to be *you*, write *You* on the line.

EXAMPLE mania Once there was a mania in Europe for growing tulips.

You Imagine paying thousands of dollars for a tulip bulb!

Here or there is almost never the subject of a sentence. Look for the subject after the verb, and remember that the subject is never part of a prepositional phrase.

Examples:

Here is a *story* of runaway speculation. There are many *varieties* of tulips.

1. _____ The source of this once exotic and coveted flower was Turkey.
2. _____ Jerry, tell me the origin of the word *tulip*.
3. _____ Here is the word's history.
4. _____ From the Turkish word for *turban* comes our word for *tulip*.
5. _____ There is a wide range of tulip colors.
6. _____ What is the cause of the streaked blossoms?
7. _____ The presence of a harmless virus causes these color patterns.
8. _____ In the mid-1500s first appeared the tulip in Europe.
9. _____ At the Dutch port of Antwerp in 1562 arrived a cargo of tulip bulbs.
10. _____ There arose a fad for these lovely flowers.

EXERCISE 2 Revising Sentences

Rewrite each sentence so that it is not in inverted order. Then underline the simple subject.

EXAMPLE There was a growing demand for these beautiful flowers.

The demand for these beautiful flowers grew.

1. With the increased demand came a dizzying increase in the prices of tulip bulbs.

2. Between 1633 and 1637 peaked this frenzied speculation in tulips.

3. What was the highest cost of a single tulip bulb?

4. Early in 1637 plummeted the wildly inflated prices of tulip bulbs.

5. After the collapse of the tulip market came financial ruin for many.
