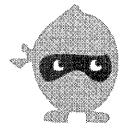
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TRICKY SUBJECTS



Directions: In the following sentences, underline all of the subjects once and the verbs twice.



NINJA SAYS: In a sentence that gives a COMMAND, the subject is invisible. It's like it's talking to an un-stated "you."

- 1. Count from one to ten. That's how long it would take a ninja to kill you . . . 59.7 times.
- 2. A ninja's English teacher once told him, "Turn in an essay on Courage." He got an A+ for turning in a blank page. He didn't even write his name. Stop asking for his name.
- 3. Whatever you do, do not misspell a ninja's name or you'll be dead before you can finish the sen-



NINJA SAYS: In a sentence that starts with the word HERE or THERE, the subject is usually located after the verb. NOTE: "HERE" and "THERE" are never subjects.

- 4. There are no races, only countries of people ninjas have bashed to different shades of black and blue.
- 5. Here we discuss the endless debate about the existence of a human soul. Well, that argument has been solved, and ninjas say that they taste like Red Bull, which tastes terrible.
- 6. There are four legal executions in the U.S.: lethal injection, gas chamber, electric chair, and ninja.
- 7. Here in this world are two types of people: ninjas and people ninjas hunt down.



NINJA SAYS: In a sentence that asks a QUESTION, the subject is usually located after the verb.

- 8. What was going through the minds of any ninja's victims before they died? A fist.
- 9. If a tree falls in a forest where nobody is, does anyone hear it? Yes, ninjas hear it. They hear everything.

 Even the hope in your heart that they won't find you.
- 10. What did the ninja say to a pirate? Nothing. He was sent to defeat him.
- 11. Did you hear about the ninja that bought a pet zebra? He named it "Spot."



NINJA SAYS: In a sentence that is trying to be really DRAMATIC, the subject is usually located near the end to increase its impact.

- 12. One time, at band camp, there were a flutist, a percussionist, and a ninja.
- 13. In the beginning there was nothing. Then ninjas smacked that nothing in the face and said, "Get a job."

 The story of the universe that is.
- 14. Once a ninja's leg was bitten by a cobra. After five days of excruciating pain, die did the cobra.