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# GRAMMAR NINJA

## 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.