

Nouns as Subjects

Nouns are often used as **subjects**. In order to decide if a word is the subject, ask the question *Who?* or *What?* followed by the verb. In many sentences, the subject may not be next to the verb; other words may come between the subject and the verb.

Example: Carl mows his yard every weekend.
(Who mows?)

Directions: Underline the noun that is the subject in the following sentences.

1. In 1973, the Sears Tower in Chicago was completed.
2. The building consists mainly of business offices and some retail stores.
3. An observatory on the 103rd floor is called the Skydeck.
4. The Skydeck elevator can travel to the 103rd floor in 70 seconds.
5. On a clear day, visitors on the Skydeck can see four states.
6. Designed by the architectural firm of Skidmore, Owings, & Merrill, the Sears Tower cost \$150 million to build.
7. Each year, approximately one million people visit the Sears Tower.
8. With 110 stories, the Sears Tower is one of the tallest buildings in the world.