

THE WIDOW OTTIN

Recognizing sentence parts

Please find the simple subject and underline it once; underline only the significant subject word or words. Also, find the simple verb and underline it twice; underline only the main verb and its helping verbs.

- 1) The bereaved widow stood contemplatively (by the open door.)
- 2) (Over the past several weeks,) she had quietly watched the dwindling supply (of food) (in her larder.)

Find the complete subject and underline it once; underline the subject plus any modifiers. Find the complete predicate and underline it twice; underline the main verb plus helpers plus objects or complements plus any associated modifiers. Every part of the sentence should be underlined one way or another (unless there is an interjection).

- 3) Two children of indeterminate age ran past their mother into the street.

- 4) The woman [whose husband was now gone] would need work soon, or a handout.

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5) Alms (from her neighbors or church wardens) had never been appealing.

Focusing on Verbs

Tell whether the verbs in the following sentences are transitive or intransitive.

6) The dead husband had bound books for a living, and the widow thought (upon the possibility) (of such work.)

transitive

intransitive

7) She had helped (about the shop) and knew ^{DO} the trade well enough.

intransitive

transitive

8) Perhaps she would ask the reverend ^{DO} (for a bit) (of work) along those lines.

Transitive

Identify whether the main verb in the following sentences is in the active or passive voice. Rewrite the sentence using the opposite voice. You do not have to use all of the words in the original sentence, but the meaning must remain substantially unchanged.

9) The Reverend Muhlenberg often hired poor tradesmen and tradeswomen as a form of charity.

Voice: Active

Poor tradesmen and trades women were often hired by the Reverend Muhlenberg as a form of charity.

10) Aware of the pride of his churchgoers, the Reverend would not give handouts without good cause.

Voice: Active

, aware of the pride of his
↓ churchgoers,

Handouts were not given out by the Reverend, without good cause.

Prepositional Phrases

Place parentheses around the prepositional phrases in the following sentences.

11) The widow, (with winter) (on the way) walked (across town) (to the Lutheran church.)

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12) She was sure [that the minister would be found there.]

13) He was praying (with another congregant) by a small fireplace (near the back) (of the church.)

Please draw arrows that show what other word(s) in each sentence are modified by the identified prepositional phrases.

14) He looked (at her), the widow (of the dead bookbinder).

15) The sadness (about her eyes) roused pity (in the aged cleric). OR BOTH?

Objects and Complements

Underline and identify any direct objects (DO), indirect objects (IO) or object complements (OC) in the following sentences. If there is more than one clause in a sentence, find these objects in each of the clauses.

16) [As he ^{AV} closed his psalm book and looked up to her], Muhlenberg knew [that she would ask ^{AV} (for work)]. Extra point if correctly answered.

→ OR
... she would ask for
DO WORK
ADV

17) The Widow Ottin ^{AV} cleared her throat and ^{DO} gave the Reverend a ^{AV} curtsy. ^{IO}

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18) "Reverend Sir, I offer you my services (as a bookbinder.)"
^{AV IO DO}

19) [Before Muhlenberg had buried her husband, a drunk,] he had
^{DO} made a promise to assist the family.
^{AV DO OC}

20) Accordingly, he smiled (with peaceful benevolence) and placed a
^{DO} small order (with the woman) (for stitching) (of pamphlets) and the
rebinding (of some small books.)
^{AV AV}

Underline and identify any predicate nouns (PN) and/or predicate adjectives (PA) in the following sentences. If there is more than one clause in a sentence, find these complements in each of the clauses.

21) The widow was happier [when she left the church].
^{LV PA AV DO}

22) The air smelled clean [as she walked (toward home) and thought
(about the future.)]
^{LV PA AV AV}

Underline and identify any direct objects (DO), indirect objects (IO), object complements (OC), predicate nouns (PN) and/or predicate adjectives (PA) in the following sentences. If there is more than one

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clause in a sentence, find these objects and complements in each of the clauses.

23) Once at home, the widow cleaned her husband's work bench and assembled binding tools and supplies.

S AV DO

24) She held a piece (of sheepskin) (in her hand); it felt soft and supple.

S AV DO S LV PA PA

25) She called for her daughter and gave Susannah instructions (for dinner.)

S AV DO AV IO DO

* I will accept prep phrase now -
But this is a broken/fractured prep phrase.
She called for her daughter

26) Susannah, a lovely young woman, smiled (at her mother) and walked into the back (of the house.)

Appositive AV ?

27) Other children now arrived home; the two young ones were joined (by two older siblings.)

S AV

28) Each gave their mother a quizzical look [as they saw a small hymnal (in her hands)].

S IO DO S AV

29) All (of them) had seen their mother (in their father's shop), but none of them knew [that she could bind books]. *Extra point if correctly answered.*

S DO S

DO 6

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30) The widow ^S removed ^{AV} damaged portions ^{DO} (of the hymnal) and ^{AV} resewed loose gatherings.

31) She ^{AV} shaped ^{DO} the sheepskin carefully and ^{DO} called her daughter Susannah ^{OC} (for glue.)

Case

Circle the appropriate case of the pronouns in question.

32) Susannah [who/whom was the oldest child] often helped her mother with household chores.

33) She was almost a second mother to the other children [who/whom loved her profoundly.]

34) She helped them with their studies and their chores; she talked about them incessantly to [whoever/whomever would listen].

35) Between her mother and she/her, the youngest children received plenty of love.