

## KITTY LEEDS

***Recognizing sentence parts***

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*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) It was nothing, nothing at all.

2) Still, she had been preparing quietly in case of trouble.

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*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). If a word or phrase washes adverbially across the entire sentence, underline that phrase twice.*

3) The aging female cat sat alertly on a high spot with a clear view of  
several hundred feet around her.

4) Over many seasons, she had experienced and had learned much.

5) Unquestionably, no living thing could sneak up on her.

**Focusing on Verbs**

Tell whether the verbs in the following sentences are transitive or intransitive. If a sentence has a dependent clause (marked in square brackets) tell whether the verb of that clause is transitive or intransitive.

6) But <sup>S</sup> could <sup>S</sup> a spirit or haint catch <sup>AV DO</sup> her unaware?

Tricky

TRANSITIVE

7) <sup>S</sup> Kitty Leeds <sup>LV</sup> was <sup>PA</sup> not much (of a name) (for a cat.)

INTRANSITIVE

8) <sup>AV</sup> She lived (on Leeds Point Road), though, and <sup>AV DO</sup> she had borne litters (of kittens) there year after year, thirteen in all.

INTRANSITIVE

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) Just a moment ago, <sup>3</sup> she <sup>AV</sup> had felt <sup>DO</sup> an otherworldly presence.

Voice: Active

An otherworldly presence had been felt by her.

10) Kittenish stories were recalled (by her), she had been told scary rumors. (by others)

Voice of first clause: Passive Voice of second clause: Passive

First: She had recalled kittenish stories

Second: Others had told her scary rumors.

Others had told scary stories to her.

Passive & Active voices get interesting when IO & DO are involved.

**Prepositional Phrases**

Place parentheses around the prepositional phrases in the following sentences.

11) Ghost dogs roamed (in the back-bay swamps; past the cemetery field) phantom eagles swooped (on unsuspecting felines) demon snakes lived (near abandoned cellar holes.)

12) Having lived here her entire life, Kitty did not believe such nonsense. *NO prepositional phrases*

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

13) Tonight, however, she felt unnerved (by this new feeling) (of otherworldliness).

14) Her childish belief (in superstition), [which she had long discontinued] drenched her anew (like a pail) (of frigid water).

15) (At that moment), she remembered stories (from her earliest youth) and her fur raised (in hackles) (along her spine).

**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) Late at night, her mother, aunts and uncles told stories (about a desperate brute.)

17) The stories gave her chills, and she, in turn, told her broods these tales.

18) A beast [that was half fox and half wolf] roamed the woods.

19) It had oversized legs (for jumping) and primitive wings; its eyes burned like hot coals of burning pitch pine; it gave small rodents and rabbits great fear.

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20) [BECAUSE it made a shrieking noise [AS it chased rodents and rabbits], part bark, part howl and part growl,] the beast received the name "the Jersey Ghrowler."

*Handwritten annotations: S AV, DO, S AV, DO, DO, OC, OC, OC, S AV, DO, DO, OC*

Tricky. 1 extra point if totally correct.

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 stories were not clear about [WHETHER the beast was corporeal or some sort of spirit]

*Handwritten annotations: S LV PA, S LV PA, PN*

22) Was this the Ghrowler [that she felt]?

*Handwritten annotations: LV S PN, DO S AV*

23) [As her line (of sight) looked clear,] she became more calm and curled comfortably (with her head) to her tail.

*Handwritten annotations: S LV PA, S LV PA, AV*

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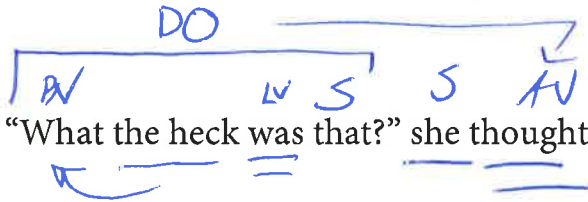
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Underline and identify any direct objects (DO), indirect objects (IO), object complements (OC), predicate nouns (PN) and/or predicate adjectives (PA) in the following sentences. If there is more than one clause in a sentence, find these objects and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

24) Unexpectedly, something grabbed Kitty's tail and she jumped two-  
 feet into the air.

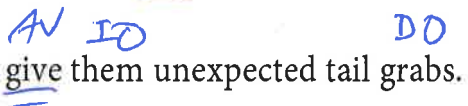
\* I think two-feet is adverbial, but if you see it as DO to "jumped," OK.



25) "What the heck was that?" she thought.

1 extra point if correct.

26) That was no Ghrowler; the Jersey Ghrowler scared cats, but it did not give them unexpected tail grabs.



27) Just then, (out of the corner of her eyes) Kitty saw a familiar sight.

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28) Her older sister [<sup>S</sup> who had died (<sup>S</sup> as a young kitten) <sup>AV</sup> pawed the <sup>AV</sup> ground <sup>DO</sup> and <sup>AV</sup> gave a silent meow. <sup>DO</sup> gave a silent meow.

29) It was this kitten [<sup>S</sup> who was named Black Rose Leeds] [<sup>DO</sup> who had <sup>AV</sup> given <sup>IO</sup> Kitty <sup>DO</sup> the name <sup>OC</sup> Kitty.]

1 extra point if correct.

30) "Hello Blackie" [<sup>DO</sup> said] [<sup>AV</sup> Kitty. "You give me a scare [<sup>S</sup> WHENEVER <sup>DO</sup> you <sup>AV</sup> come around.]"

1 extra point if correct.

31) Black Rose [<sup>S</sup> was] a ghost cat [<sup>LV</sup> and] ghost cats [<sup>PN</sup> did] not [<sup>S</sup> scare] Kitty [<sup>AV</sup> at] [<sup>DO</sup> all.]



**Case**

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Circle the appropriate case of the pronouns in question.

32) The ghost cat [~~who~~/~~whom~~ was a good-natured spirit] liked to visit her extended, multi-generational family. PN

33) The humans [~~who~~/~~whom~~ lived in the area] hardly ever saw ghost cats. S

34) “Between you and ~~I~~/~~me~~,” said Kitty to the ghost, “I think you are as real as any other creature on Leeds Point.”

35) The two sisters then proceeded to curl up together in the dry leaf litter of the woods, both keeping an eye open for the Ghrowler [~~who~~/~~whom~~ every cat knew]. S AU