**Practice – Subjects/Verbs**

For each of the sentences below, identify the subject and the verb, and indicate what kind of verb is used (action, linking, compound or phrase).

1. At three o'clock precisely I was at Baker Street.

Subject: I Verb: was (linking)

2. I fear that I bore you with these details.

Subject: I Verb: fear, bore (compound)

3. He appeared to be in a great hurry.

Subject: He Verb: appeared to be (phrase)

4. Slowly and solemnly he was borne into Briony Lodge and laid out in the principal room.

Subject: He Verb: was borne, laid out (compound phrases)

5. Holmes had sat up upon the couch.

Subject: Holmes Verb: had sat (phrase)

6. We are but preventing her from injuring another.

Subject: We Verb: are preventing (phrase)

7. A maid rushed across and threw open the window.

Subject: maid Verb: rushed, threw (compound)

8. Thick clouds of smoke curled through the room.

Subject: smoke Verb: curled (action) (thick clouds are adjectives, the describe what the smoke looked like)

9. .He walked swiftly and in silence for some few minutes

Subject: He Verb: walked (action) (swiftly is an adverb, in silence describes the walking – so is an adjective)

10. Now it was clear to me that our lady of today had nothing in the house more precious to her than what we are in quest of.

Subject: Lady Verb: had (linking)

**Practice – Complete Thought**

Rewrite each subordinate clause so that it is an independent clause (a complete sentence). *Hint:* first identify the subject and the verb.

1. The smoke was enough

2. The coachman had

3. Because of the hasty retreat he felt

4. He bowed, and turned away without

5. And that was how a great scandal threatened

**Practice – Punctuation**

Fill in each blank with the correct punctuation, either a period, a question mark, or an exclamation point.

"You are sure that she has not sent it yet "

"I am sure "

"And why "

"Because she has said that she would send it on the day when the betrothal was publicly proclaimed, that will be next Monday "

"Oh, then we have three days yet " exclaimed Holmes.

(question mark, period, question mark, period, exclamation point)