**Practice I:** In the following sentences, highlight all verbs and underline the subjects for each verb. Draw an arrow connecting the verb to its subject(s). If you can’t draw an arrow in your software program, just write out how they are connected underneath the sentence. Note: some sentences have more than one subject and/or verb.

1. Carmen rides the bus to school.

2. Brittany and her brothers work every day after school.

3. Clarissa does not like Morley's new plaid pants.

4. In a big city, life is frantic and makes people irritable.

5. Kim Lee, a good student, has learned a lot of English.

6. Next week there will be a rainstorm, so we can’t hold our garage sale.

**Practice II:** In the following paragraph, highlight all verbs and underline the subject for each verb.

Juanita Morales runs a successful neighborhood theater on a very small budget. She asks the community and her family for help. Performances take place in a small store that belongs to the city, so Juanita pays no rent. Tatiana, one of her friends, works in a copy center and prints all the programs free. Juanita’s aunts and her mother help sell tickets. Her cousins and her sister make many of the costumes. Her uncle, who is an architect, builds the sets for the plays. The theater is very popular. There are performances every weekend: plays, poetry readings, and concerts. Each ticket costs only two dollars. The two dollars goes to the performers. Juanita and her friends have lined up programs for the next three months. Many people in the neighborhood feel that the theater increases community.

**Practice III:** Rewrite the following fragments so they are complete by adding the subject/verb or by completing the existing verb phrase.

*These are examples – actual answers will vary*

1. Always asking me to run errands for him.

**Lucian is always asking me to run errand for him.**

2. Jack crazy about Sophia.

**Jack is crazy about Sophia.**

3. The substitute teacher’s wheezing old car.

**The substitute teacher’s wheezing old car broke down yesterday.**

4. Who always knows what he wants.

**There is a man who always knows what he wants.**

5. Lupe, who lives next door.

**Lupe, who lives next door, is the lawyer who helped me write my will.**

Practice IV: Correct the fragments by rewriting the following passage in the space below.

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