

**Raymond's Run (page 43)****Grammar SkillBuilder: Subjects in Unusual Word Order**

**Key Concept:** Writers often use unusual word order to add variety and drama to their writing.

**Subjects in Unusual Word Order**

The usual word order in a sentence is subject, then verb. However, if every sentence in a piece of writing were to follow this order, the writing would be stilted and awkward. Here is a sentence that follows the usual word order:

**Squeaky marched** up the street, ready for a confrontation.

Notice how changing the order of subject and verb adds drama to the sentence:

Up the street **marched Squeaky**, ready for a confrontation.

**Activity**

Rewrite each sentence so that the subject follows the verb.

1. Raymond raced to the finish line.

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2. Gretchen goes there.

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3. The crowd cheered, "Go, Squeaky!"

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4. Squeaky stood on the corner, admiring the weather.

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5. Now my new career begins.

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