

Homework 2 — Sample Solution

1. In the following examples, show using case, agreement, and/or inversion that the underlined expression is the subject.
 - This letter embarrassed the government.
 - Case: [Change to plural, since ‘it’ does not show case.]
They (these letters) embarrassed the government.
 - Agreement: [Change to present tense.]
This letter **embarrasses** the government.
These letters **embarrass** the government.
 - Inversion: **Did** this letter embarrass the government?
 - Sue will lend you her car.
 - Case: She will lend you her car.
 - Agreement: [Modal auxiliaries like ‘will’ do not show agreement]
 - Inversion: Will Sue lend you her car?
 - Everything will be okay.
 - Case: [Everything is replaced by ‘it’ which does not show case.]
 - Agreement: [Modal auxiliaries like ‘will’ do not show agreement]
 - Inversion: Will Everything be okay?
2. In the following examples first underline the subject. Then show why your answer is correct, using case, agreement, and/or inversion.
 - Tomorrow Pat will be back from skiing.
 - Case works best with this sentence:
Tomorrow he/she will be back from skiing.
 - Is today some kind of holiday?
 - Agreement works well with this sentence:
Are today and tomorrow some kind of holiday?
 - The sentence is a question, so it already shows inversion:
Is today some kind of holiday?
 - Down the road ran the crazy dog.
 - Agreement works best in this case, but we need to change the verb to present tense:
Down the road **runs** the crazy dog.
Down the road **run** the crazy dogs.