

# Stair Steps:

1. Write the sentence and cross out the prepositional phrases.
2. Ask "What's happening?" THIS IS THE ACTION VERB.  
If you don't find an action verb, check your list of being verbs.
3. Ask "Who/what \_\_\_\_\_?" THIS IS THE SUBJECT.  
verb
4. Ask "\_\_\_\_\_ what?" THIS IS THE D.O.  
subject action verb
5. Ask "\_\_\_\_\_ to/for whom?" THIS IS THE I.O.  
subject action verb D.O.

4. Ask "What renames \_\_\_\_\_?" THIS IS THE P.N.  
subject

5. Ask "What describes \_\_\_\_\_?" THIS IS THE P.A.  
subject

To find an adjective:

6. Ask "What kind of \_\_\_\_\_ is it?" THIS IS AN ADJ.  
nearby noun

To find an adverb:

7. Ask "\_\_\_\_\_ why, where, how, to what degree?"  
nearby verb, adj, adv

THIS IS AN ADV.

Joe bought milk for his kids.

On Saturday, Freida made her daughter a heart-shaped cake with little pink flowers for Valentine's Day.

At 5:00 P.M. Joe ran quickly like a madman down the street to the QuikTrip for a gallon of milk.

Joe ran the mile in the track meet on Thursday.

Joe ran the neighborhood QuikTrip before his new job at Reasor's.

After the football game, Joe took his kids some pizza for dinner.