

Woke up, it was a Chelsea morning, and the first thing that I knew
There was milk and toast and honey and a bowl of oranges, too
And the sun poured in like butterscotch and
 stuck to all my senses.
Oh, won't you stay?
We'll put on the day,
And we'll talk in present tenses.

Joni Mitchell, *Chelsea Morning*

1. The first cohort quickly hurled their *pila* at the advancing Gallic tribesmen.

subject
verb (tense + voice)
direct object
adverb
adjectives (including participle)
preposition

2. Serena is reluctantly giving me the first draft of your thesis proposal.

subject
verb (tense)
adverb
direct object
indirect object

3. The journey was long, tiring, and boring.

subject
verb (tense)
adjectives (including two made from verbs)

4. Virgil is writing [writes] a great Latin poem.

subject
verb (tense + voice)
direct object
adjectives

5. The bridge will certainly collapse if the river rises another two feet.

main and subordinate clause
subject
verb (tense + voice) – NOTE: intransitive verb, no direct object
adverb
adjectives

6. Vercingetorix was defeated at the Battle of Alesia.

subject
verb (tense + voice) – is it active or passive?
prepositional phrase

7. I like neither tyrants nor fools.

subject
verb (voice + mood)
direct objects
coordinating conjunctions

8. Will you [plural] be going to the movies next Wednesday evening?

subject – English has no way of differentiating between the singular and plural 2nd person (Latin does!)
verb (tense + voice)
prepositional phrase

9. The grieving queen had placed a laurel wreath on the sailor's head.

subject
verb (tense + voice)
direct object
adjectives
prepositional phrase

10. To study is to learn.

subject – infinitive verb as noun
verb (tense + mood)

11. If it should rain tonight, I would get wet.

main clause and subordinate clause
subject
verb (voice + mood)
adverb

12. My friend the communist, holds meetings in his RV... [Thanks Sheryl!]

subject and appositive
verb (voice)
prepositional phrase

13. *Julia* is the feminine form of the masculine name *Julius*.

subject
verb (voice)
adjectives
prepositional phrase
appositive

14. Why would the monks have hidden the Bible in the refectory?

subject
mood – do not worry about this yet
verb (voice)
object
prepositional phrase

15. Give me that sword!

verb (mood)
direct object
indirect object
adjective

16. Wealth bestowed is virtue lost.

subject
verb (voice + mood)
adjectives
appositive

17. Marcus was a sailor everyone trusted.

subject
verb (tense)
adjective clause
appositive

18. The dowager princess would have chosen a husband from among the suitors but for the insidious interference of her evil counselor.

main and subordinate clause
subject
verb
direct object
adjectives

19. I smell trouble. Run!

subject
verb in sentence # 1 (tense)
verb in sentence # 2 (mood)
direct object

20. If you cannot confide in your mother, whom can you trust?

main clause and subordinate clause
subject – main clause
verb – main clause (tense)
subject – subordinate clause
verb – subordinate clause (tense)
prepositional phrase
adjective

21. The Romans, for all of their vaunted skills, were terrible architects.

subject
verb (tense)
appositive
adjective
prepositional phrase

22. Romulus and Remus were suckled by a she-wolf [*lupa*].

subjects
verb (voice + mood)
prepositional phrase

23. The queen will bestow her copy of the *Aeneid* to the poet displaying the greatest skill.

subject
verb (tense + voice)
object
indirect object
prepositional phrase
adjective

24. The auspices having been taken, the crew happily sailed off to their doom.

main clause and subordinate clause
subject
verb – main clause (tense + voice)
adverb
prepositional phrase

25. Oh write no more the tale of Troy... [Thanks Shelley!]

subject (implied)
verb (mood)
direct object
expletive

26. Does she or doesn't she? Only her hairdresser knows for sure.

subject
verb – sentence # 1 (tense)
verb – sentence # 2 (tense + voice)
adverb
adjective

27. You have to be InnuIt to win it. [advertisement for the Alaskan lottery]

subject
verb
appositive

28. To preserve his sanity, the crotchety professor turned off the program entitled *Xena: Warrior Princess*.

subject
verb (tense + voice)
direct object
adjectives

29. The court jester's antics entertained – through man a long winter's night – the moody prince.

subject
verb (tense + voice)
direct object
adjectives
adverbial phrase

30. The lines of Napoleon's advancing grenadiers were thinned by the successive volleys fired from the British 10-pounder guns.

subject
verb (tense + voice)
adjectives (including present and past participles)
prepositional phrases

31. Mother's understanding of algebra is better than most, but not the very best.

subject
verb (tense + voice)
comparative and superlative adjectives

32. Having entered upon a dangerous path, the nation was destroyed by subsequent events.

subject
verb (tense + voice)
adjectival phrase beginning with a participle

33. It is good to be young, better to be sly, and best to be wise.

subject
verb (tense)
adjectives (degrees of comparison)
[infinitive phrases as appositives]