문장의 머리를 찾아라

주어는 문장 형성의 출발점이다. 따라서 주어를 제대로 파악해야 정확한 해석을 할 수 있다. 이러한 주어에는 명사나 대명사만 있는 것이 아니다. 다양한 형태와 길이를 가진 주어를 빠르고 바르게 찾아낼 수 있어야 성공적인 독해를 할 수 있다.
01 to부정사와 동명사로 시작되면 주어인지 의심하라

명사구 중 가장 흔히 사용되는 것이 to부정사구와 동명사구이다. 문장이 to부정사나 동명사로 시작되면 그것이 주어가 아닌지, 다음과 같이 확인해 보자.

• 문장의 동사 앞에서 일단 끊어 준다.
• 끊어 놓은 앞부분이 하나의 의미 단위(sense group)를 이루는지 확인한다.
• 하나의 의미 단위로서 ‘…하는 것은[이]’으로 해석되면 이 to부정사구나 동명사구는 주어로 쓰인 것이다.

A To bake a chocolate cake / was my plan for her birthday party.

B Ignoring your mother’s advice on the problem / would be a huge mistake.

C Downloading illegal movie files online / has a negative effect on the movie market.

명사구와 비슷한 형태가 문두에 나오는 경우 주어를 헷갈리지 않도록 유의해야 한다. 아래 두 문장을 위의 문장들과 비교해 보자.

1 To have a good relationship, you should be open-minded.
2 Standing on top of the mountain, they could see the ocean.

• 다음 각 문장의 주어를 찾아 밑줄을 그어 보자.
  1 To be a good friend is to offer true understanding at all times.
  2 Being assertive does not have to mean being disagreeable.
  3 To treat people unfairly because you don’t like them is wrong.
  4 Making a good first impression is very important in business.
  5 Building a meaningful and successful East-West relationship will be possible only with a proper understanding of Asia and Asians.
다음 글의 밑줄 친 부분 중, 어법상 틀린 것은?

In Switzerland, you won’t see a goldfish ①____alone in a bowl. If you do, you can call the police. This is because an animal rights law ②____passed in 2008 set rules about how the Swiss can treat “social animals.” To own a single ③____goldfish is now illegal. Since goldfish naturally live in large groups, to make ④____them live alone is considered a form of cruelty. Therefore, they must have at least one companion ⑤____when kept as pets. This law also applies to other ⑥____animals. If you own a single cat, for example, you must let it ⑦____to go outside so that it can socialize with other cats. People who prefer to keep their cats indoors must own at least two. Owning a single parrot ⑧____is also not allowed unless you can get it a friend ⑨____to talk to.

unexpectedly 뜻밖, 갑자기
view A as B A를 B로 여기다
strengthen 강화하다, 강화되다
credibility 신뢰성
pretend ---인 척하다
close off ---을 차단하다
ignorance 무지, 무식
impression 인상, 느낌
cooperative 협력[협동]하는
struggle 투쟁하다; *애쓰다
make up (이야기를) 만들어 내다
straightforward 간단한, 쉬운; "솔직한"

글의 흐름으로 보아, 주어진 문장이 들어가기에 가장 적절한 곳은?

What’s more, doing so can also cause a lot of stress, since no one can know everything.

When unexpectedly asked a question, you’ll sometimes find yourself unable ①____to provide an answer. However, admitting this should not be viewed as a kind of failure. (①) Instead, answering honestly should be looked at as a positive thing, as it can strengthen your credibility. (②) People who pretend to always have the answer tend to be closed off to new ideas and the suggestions of others. (③) On the other hand, admitting your ignorance makes a good impression and helps build cooperative relationships. (④) Rather than hesitating and struggling to make up an answer, it’s better to look the questioner straight in the eye and explain that you need more information. (⑤) This will make you appear confident and straightforward in the eyes of others.
명사절과 문장 전체의 주어·동사를 구별하자

접속사(that, whether), 의문사, 관계대명사 what 등이 이끄는 명사절은 문장의 주어 역할을 할 수 있다. 이와 같이 명사절이 문장의 주어로 쓰인 경우, 명사절을 이끄는 접속사, 의문사, 관계대명사 what 뒤에 먼저 나오는 동사는 명사절에 속하며, 문장 전체의 동사는 그다음에 나온다. 따라서 먼저 문장 전체의 동사를 찾아 그 앞에서 끊어 주면 문장 구조를 쉽게 파악할 수 있을 것이다.

A That he did his best to pass the university entrance exam / is not in doubt.
B Whether the criminal who escaped from jail committed another crime / is not known.
C How much money was raised at the fundraising campaign / will soon be announced.
D What I really want to do with my life / is to travel around the world.

구문 훈련

• 다음 각 문장의 주어를 찾아 밑줄을 그어 보자.
1 Whether it was an accident or an intentional fire is under investigation.
2 That the earth must be flat seemed obvious until the 15th century.
3 What dreams people have depends on who they are and how old they are.
4 All I ask in return is that you take good care of yourself so that someday you can do the same thing for someone else.
5 What’s dangerous about the Internet is that it has a totally undeserved instant credibility.
다음 글의 제목으로 가장 적절한 것은?

You’ve probably heard of graffiti, but did you know that there is also something called reverse graffiti? **What makes reverse graffiti different** is the materials that are used and the way it is created. Graffiti artists use spray paint to create works of art in public places. Reverse graffiti artists, on the other hand, use soap, water and sponges. They start by finding a dirty surface, such as a wall or an old car. Then they create words or images by removing dirt from certain parts of the surface. Unlike regular graffiti, reverse graffiti is environmentally friendly and easily removed. Therefore, most people don’t have a problem with it. In fact, some companies even hire reverse graffiti artists to create guerilla advertising campaigns.

① Classic Art, New Materials
② Turning Dirty Walls into Art
③ Graffiti: Is It Art or a Crime?
④ An Easy Way to Remove Graffiti
⑤ Innovative Graffiti Advertisements

다음 글의 빈간에 들어갈 말로 가장 적절한 것은?

The presence of lightning may be a clue to help forecasters understand when a hurricane is approaching its peak intensity. Although satellite and radar technology are generally able to predict the path of a storm with some accuracy, **how much and when a storm will intensify** is harder to forecast. But according to a new study, we can predict it to some degree because there is a link between lightning and ______________. The study found that lightning peaks approximately 30 hours before maximum winds occur. **Whether this information will help improve hurricane forecasts** is still unknown. However, it can be used to help decide whether or not to evacuate people from towns and cities in a storm’s path.

① storm paths
② radar images
③ wind speeds
④ rainfall amounts
⑤ cloud formation
문장이 주어로 시작하지 않을 수도 있다

문장이 항상 주어로 시작하는 것은 아니다. 실제 독해에서는 문장 앞부분에 부사구나 부사절이 놓여 주어가 문장의 중간이나 뒷부분에 위치하는 경우가 많다. 이런 경우에는 부사구나 부사절을 괄호로 묶은 뒤 주어와 동사를 찾아 밑줄을 그어 보면 문장의 의미를 훨씬 더 명확하게 이해할 수 있다.

A [Based on past experiences], Joe decided it would be unwise to argue with his boss.
B [Although it looks real], this diamond necklace is a fake that costs only $50.
C [Now that we are living in the digital age], smart learning through mobile devices is becoming more common.

다음 각 문장의 주어와 동사에 각각 밑줄을 긋고, S와 V로 표시해 보자.

1. Much to our dismay, there was a large spider in the sink.
2. There were, I'm sorry to say, no seats available at the baseball game.
3. After the child's disappearance, his mother's fear for his life kept her awake all night.
4. Throughout the late 1950s and early 1960s, Forman acted as either writer or assistant director on several films.
5. Contrary to what Mr. Smith may believe, the role of computers in music and the performing arts has been considerable.
6. As a system for transmitting specific factual information without any distortion or ambiguity, the sign system of honeybees would win easily over human language every time.
Every year on the second Monday of October, the United States celebrates Columbus Day. This holiday honors Christopher Columbus, the Italian explorer who is credited with discovering America on October 12, 1492. However, considering his mistreatment of Native Americans and the devastating effect of his arrival, I think honoring the explorer makes no sense at all. After arriving on the continent, Columbus killed and enslaved thousands of natives. Additionally, the diseases that Columbus and other Europeans brought with them severely reduced the native population. Therefore, I strongly believe that the entire country should support the creation of a new holiday that honors the Native Americans and remembers their suffering. As an alternative to Columbus Day, Americans should celebrate Native American Day or Indigenous Peoples’ Day.

Coral reefs are sometimes called the ocean’s rainforests, as they are home to so many species. However, there are places where no coral reefs exist. Therefore, artificial reefs are built in these areas to improve the marine environment for numerous sea creatures. This basically involves placing large, old objects on the ocean floor, such as school buses and ships. Regardless of what they are made from, artificial reefs work by giving shellfish and corals a hard surface to attach themselves to. The elimination of these creatures then attracts fish, providing them with food and shelter. Artificial reefs are popular with coastal residents, including fishermen. In addition, conservationists use them for habitat restoration, and scuba divers enjoy exploring their diverse ecosystems.
가주어 it이 가리키는 내용은 뒤에서 찾아라

to부정사구나 명사절 등이 주어로 쓰여 길어지는 경우, 종종 원래 주어를 뒤로 보내고 동사 앞의 주어 자리에 가주어 it을 쓴다. 하지만 주어 자리에 쓴 it이 앞서 언급된 대상을 가리킬 수도 있고, 거리·시간·날씨 등을 나타내는 비인칭 주어 it 또는 ‘it is ... that ~’ 강조 구문의 it일 수도 있으므로 잘 구별해야 한다. 가주어로 쓴 경우에는 뒤에 진주어인 to부정사구, 동명사구, 또는 명사절이 나오며 원래 주어를 it 자리에 넣어서 해석해야 의미가 통한다.

A. It is necessary for friends to help each other in times of trouble.
   가주어
   진주어 (to부정사구)

B. It is unclear whether the director’s new film will be released this year.
   가주어
   진주어 (명사절)

C. It is believed that cats kill rats or bugs and bring them to their owners as a gift.
   가주어
   진주어 (명사절)

- 가주어 it을 포함하는 관용 표현은 숙어처럼 암기하자.
  - ‘It seems[appears] that ...’ ‘⋯인 것 같다’
  - ‘It happens that ...’ ‘우연히 ⋯하다’, ‘⋯하는 일이 있다’
  - ‘It follows that ...’ ‘⋯라는 결론이 나오다’

1. It seems that Andrew’s flight was delayed by the heavy snowfall.
2. It often happened that I got lost at night while walking home.
3. It follows from what you say that you are innocent.

다음 각 문장에서 밑줄 친 it이 가리키는 내용을 찾아 [ ]로 묶어 보자.

1. It is necessary to change your password if you think your email account has been hacked into.
2. It is important to have a website that provides your customers with the information they need.
3. It is not surprising that humans use all their senses to analyze food quality.
4. It is surprising how many times our feelings of despair and anger can be eased if we act instead of just thinking over problems.
Next fill in the blanks with the most appropriate word:

establishment is an important issue in the establishment of a nuclear installation. Nuclear waste storage sites are generally built in rural areas far away from densely populated centers. But can it be fair to expose someone to a risk just because he or she happens to live in a rural area? And can it be ethically justified for a particular group, based on their geographic location, to be given the benefits of nuclear energy while another group must carry the burden of it? The establishment of nuclear installations can radically change the environmental quality of life, so the dilemma of where to locate them is not an easy one to solve.


Next fill in the blanks with the most appropriate word:

“Mama” and “dada” are common first words for babies, and scientists believe they’ve discovered the reason why. It’s not just because a child’s mother and father are around a lot. Instead, scientists point to _____________.

A recent study measured the brain activity of babies as they listened to words containing syllable repetition and words that did not. The language area of the brain became more active whenever a word from the first group was heard. This suggests that our brains may be designed to recognize repetitive sounds when we are very young. It is also probably not by chance that many different languages have babyish words with this feature, such as “baba” and “papa,” the Chinese and Italian words for “father.”

1. the development of babies’ brains 2. the simple pronunciation of the words 3. babies’ tendency to make funny words 4. the words’ patterns of repeating sounds 5. the length of the words spoken by adults
A
네모 안에서 어법상 알맞은 것을 고르시오.

1 Whether we have goals **decide** / **decides** our success in life.
2 Knowing the origin of words **help** / **helps** you remember them.
3 Who will be the next congressmen **is** / **are** becoming a big issue.
4 To discover how often patients experienced these symptoms **was** / **were** the goal of the study.
5 Because of the rising cost of living, more families **is** / **are** discovering that both husband and wife must work.

B
다음 문장의 밑줄 친 부분이 맞으면 **O** , 틀리면 **X** 로 표시하고 바르게 고쳐 쓰시오.

1 Paying taxes are every citizen’s obligation.
2 All I did during the weekends were sleep all day long.
3 Whether she will win the best actress award are not known.
4 There have been several nuclear bomb tests carried out by North Korea.
5 That housing prices keep decreasing seems to be affecting the whole economy.

C
다음 문장을 가주어 **it**을 사용한 문장으로 고쳐 쓰시오.

1 To wear a seat belt is required by law.
   → **To** wear a seat belt **it** is required by law.
2 To yawn without covering one’s mouth is considered impolite.
   → **To** yawn **it** without covering one’s mouth is considered impolite.
3 Whether there are Korean victims of this typhoon will soon be known.
   → **Whether** there **it** are Korean victims of this typhoon will soon be known.
4 That a number of students said they had experienced bullying is shocking.
   → **That** a number of students **it** said they had experienced bullying is shocking.