

Sixth Grade Language Arts – Grammar

(The following is an example. You may refer to it for guidance.)

Analyze and diagram the following sentence:

As Jocelyn looked through the window, she caught the smell of wallflowers and freshly turned earth.

3. [^IAs ^aJocelyn ^{DO}looked (through the window), [^{II}she caught the smell
^b(of wallflowers and freshly turned earth)].

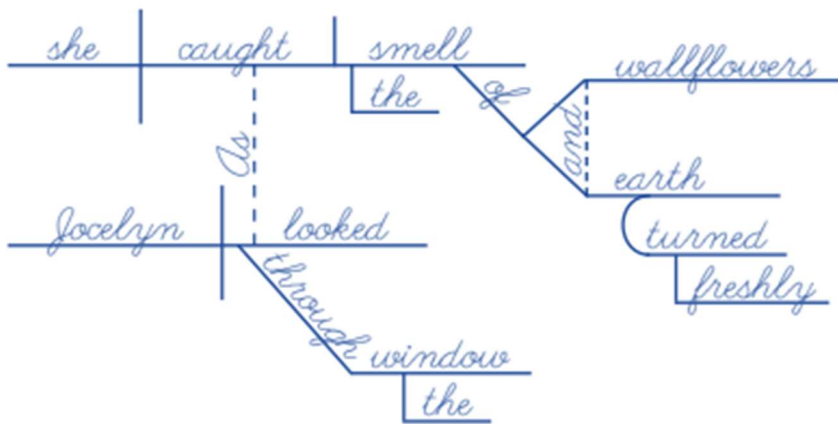
This is a complex declarative sentence.

I is a subordinate adverb clause of time, introduced by the subordinate conjunction "as," modifying the verb "caught."

II is a principal clause

a is an adverbial prepositional phrase of place, modifying the verb "looked."

b is an adjectival prepositional phrase modifying the noun "smell."



Complete the following assignment:

1. Analyze and diagram the following sentence:

The trees whispered in the light breeze as the wagon entered the lane.

2. Parse: whispered, breeze
3. Rewrite this sentence with the first verb in the past perfect tense.
4. Why do you think the author used the verb "whispered" to describe what the trees were doing?