Answer A paraphrase of the sentence might be: "The weasel eats. A boy thinks 'this weasel loves smiles'. That boy startles the cat."

- 1. 'Weasel' is the subject.
- 2. Four: "startles", "thinks", "loves", and "eats". "Smiles" is a noun.
- 3. A boy startled a cat.
- 4. A boy thought that a weasel loved smiles.
- 5. A weasel loves smiles (at least in the mind of the boy).
- 6. Nobody in this sentence (explicitly) smiles; "smiles" is used as a noun.
- 7. A weasel eats something unspecified.